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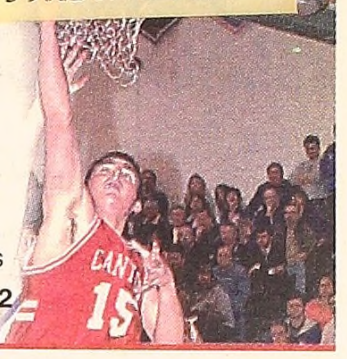

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Test scores show mixed results

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Elementary and middle school MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) test scores revealed that while most students met or exceeded state educational requirements, the Romulus Community School District still has a long way to go in comparison to districts in other Wayne County communities.

Data released by the Michigan Department of Education last week indicated that about half of Romulus students' math, English, science and social studies scores for third through eighth grade met or exceeded the state average in the subjects tested.

District officials – while outwardly optimistic about the scores, privately expressed disappointment.

Superintendent of Schools Joel Carr, who in the past has been an outspoken critic of the testing process and the emphasis the state places on the final scores, declined to discuss the scores in depth, but said the results can be deceptive in measuring student aptitude.

"There's so many things that go into this, like how many students you've tested, and all of this started in Washington," he said. "Local control has been removed regarding this . . . it's really not fair."

In third grade, students were tested for English and math proficiency. The results showed that about 67 percent of students met or exceeded state requirements. Math results for third graders were much better, with about 80 percent meeting or exceeding what the state requires.

Fourth graders also took English and math tests, but the results were not as good. About 61 percent of students tested met or exceeded proficiency for English, while 78 percent did for math.

Fifth graders were tested in three subjects – English, math and science. Sixty-six percent of students met or exceeded state requirements, while 64 percent passed both math and science.

Sixth graders – by far the best performer this year – were tested in English, math and social studies. About 75, 58 and 72 percent of students, respectively, met state requirements.

However, seventh graders did not fair very well with only 52 percent passing the English test and another 43 percent passing the math test. Those results were slightly better in the eighth grade, with only 48 percent passing the English exam and 38 passing the math test. Sixty percent of eight graders passed a science exam, however.

There is one highlight at the elementary school level, where the district is having the most success: Wick Elementary met or exceeded state requirements in 12 of 18 tests given.

Reenacting history

Storyteller extraordinaire Jacqueline Blake visited Merriman Elementary School last week for the "Southern Food Dinner and Story Telling Night." Blake – a professional storyteller who visits hundreds of schools, festivals and other events to share stories about African history, entertained students and parents with stories from her family as well as from books. Here, Blake is joined by Merriman students Ashley Luttman (front) and (left to right) Marquala Woodward and Gabrielle Walton.

Boike will seek another term

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The longtime Romulus representative at the county level will be seeking a 10th, two-year term on the Wayne County Commission.

Incumbent Ed Boike, 56, is the only person that has filed paperwork to run for the seat to represent Wayne County District 15, comprising Romulus, Taylor, South Rockwood, Brownstown Township, Flat Rock, Gibraltar and part of Huron Township. He was first elected to the seat in 1988 after he retired from the City of Taylor, where he worked as recreation director.

"I know it's considered a part-time position, but I really work at it full-time," Boike said. "There's going to be a lot to do and we expect that it will be a very busy few years because of what's happening in the district."

There are 15 commissioners, who are paid about $70,000 per year. The last day to file to run for the seat is May 16.

Boike, who lives in Taylor, said Romulus is going to be in sharp focus for both the commission and the county as a whole

Ed Boike

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Water rate increase is unlikely

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A recent vote by the Detroit City Council to raise water rates does not necessarily mean rates will increase in Romulus.

Jerry Frayer, a billing specialist at Romulus, said the vote by the Detroit council and the flap surrounding the methodology used for raising the rates does not automatically mean rates will increase.

'Just because they authorized a rate change doesn't mean we'll see it here," he said. 'I've been here 10 years, and it's not always raised. Right now, our rates are at $15.09 per 1,000 cubic feet for water and $15.95 for residential sewers. It's been that way for two years now."

Last year, water rates were raised by 4 percent by the City of Detroit, which sells water to several surrounding municipalities. Still it's impossible to know whether rates will jump.

"These rates would be effective until June 30, and its difficult to say whether the city would raise rates thereafter," Frayer said.

The flap about water – and who uses it and should pay for it – made headlines again last week when, in a highly criticized vote, the Detroit City Council initially approved a 6 percent increase in

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Historic school may close

Andrea King
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Without some additional funding, the 50-year-old St. Anthony's Academy in Belleville faces permanent closure.

Parishioners were informed recently of the impending threat of closure in a letter sent by administrators which cited the "present urgent state of the parish's financial condition."

The letter informed recipients: "When we did the major renovation of the church eight years ago, we incurred a major capital debt of approximately $300,000. Over the last five years we have struggled to keep a balanced budget. We have been able to do so only by not paying on this debt and by not making sorely needed major improvements to the parish proprieties, like the parking lot and roof.

"This year has been particularly difficult for the parish with increased utility bills and other expenses and below adequate enrollment in the school. We are now at a crisis point. Because our total income (church and school combined) is not sufficient to meet our bills, we will be asking the Archdiocese to loan us approximately $50,000 so that we can meet our payroll expenses for the current month. The administration commission and the council have always made choices that support and encourage Catholic education. They have made budget decision in favor of education and youth (sometimes to the detriment of property upkeep). In light of the present cash flow crisis the administration commission has recommended that to solve the parish financial hardship that the school be closed."

Father Tom Cusick of St. Anthony's said there has not been a decision made yet, but he would like to see the school remain open.

The school debt has now incurred additional interest, which brings the total to more than $500,000.

"If it closes it would be a blow to us. We love it dearly," he said. "All the parishioners and the school families are very sad and disappointed to hear this news. It's a very sad thing, but we're hopeful and we'll just have to wait and see what happens."

School officials said it was the first time they have needed to borrow money for normal expenses. Income and expense projections for the rest of the year are bleak, too. A revised budget reveals a deficit of more than $160,000 for the fiscal year.

Ned McGrath, director of communications for the Archdiocese of Detroit, said he doesn't know if they can afford to pay any additional funds to the St. Anthony Academy. Each school under the archdiocese is supported by the parish and, when financial tough times occur, it is up to the parish to close a school or to keep it open. On some occasions, the archdiocese has stepped in to say a school should remain open, but typically it is determined through the parish, he said.

"Obviously a lot of people are working very hard for the best solution on this," said McGrath. "They (St. Anthony's) have a tough decision head of them."

The letter addressed to St. Anthony parishioners also stated that the parish council would not support the recommendation to close the school. Instead, they asked that the commission come to the parish seeking additional funds.

In order to meet the yearly budget, every family will need to renew and keep their commitment to regular Sunday giving, families will need to pledge to meet the parish assessment and each family must consider an additional monthly donation from $200-$1,000 until the school can become solvent again, according to the school administrators.

McGrath said a decision will have to be made within the next three weeks so parents can be prepared for next school year.

"Sometimes you get to a certain point where the tuition is so high that people will stop going to the school. The student and financial difficulties start feeding off each other," he said.

School administrators could not be reached for comment.

Business group hosts St. Patrick's Day party

Everyone wants to be Irish on St. Patrick's Day and can be—if they join the celebration at the Bayou Grill in Belleville.

The Belleville Central Business Community is sponsoring the annual St. Patrick's Day event from 5-9 p.m. tomorrow.

The event, now in the sixth year, has grown into a city tradition. It is the fourth year that the business group will host the dinner at the Bayou Grill to get people together and get to know their neighbors, according to Kathie Steigerwald, president of the Belleville Central Business Community.

Steigerwald said she hopes the event draws a big crowd, at least 100 people or more, since they hit that number last year.

"It would be great to get more than that because it's about getting the community involved," she said.

For $10 advance tickets, people can feast on traditional Irish favorites including corned beef and cabbage or Irish Stew. Tickets are $12 at the door.

Prizes from Blossoms Florist, Main Street Flowers, Marti's Gift Gallery, the Belleville Area Museum and area hotels, restaurants and hair salons will also be awarded, along with other raffles and a 50/50 drawing. Live entertainment will be on site as well.

Proceeds from the event go toward other city events including the Easter Egg Hunt, the Strawberry Festival, the Taste of Belleville, the Harvest Festival and Halloween and Christmas celebrations.

"We do a lot of community events and don't expect to make money. Our purpose is to develop, encourage and promote the commercial and business interests of the Belleville," said Steigerwald.

The Central Business Community now has about 40 members.

Tickets for the St. Patrick's Day event can be purchased at Belleville City Hall, the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, David C. Brown Funeral Home, the Belleville Area Museum and Century 21.

"I'm Irish every day, but on St. Patrick's Day, everyone is," said Steigerwald. "No one wants to cook and everyone wants corned beef and cabbage and a whole lot of fun."

The Bayou Grill is located at 404 Main St. in downtown Belleville. For more information about the event, contact (734) 383-5111.

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News in brief

Poster contest honors Earth Day

U.S. Steel and the Downriver Council for the Arts are co-sponsoring a poster design contest to encourage students to get involved in preserving the environment.

Winning posters should demonstrate the theme of the contest, which is "Earthday Everyday."

Winners will be chosen from several grade groups. One grand prize winner will be chosen. In addition to winning $250, his or her poster will be printed and distributed to area businesses and community organizations throughout the downriver area and displayed by the Downriver Council for the Arts. One honorable mention will be chosen from each grade group Each honorable mention will receive four tickets to the Detroit Science Center and posters displayed by the Downriver Council for the Arts.

Award presentations will take place at noon Saturday, April 8, 2006 at noon at the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber of Commerce Business and Lifestyle Expo at Yack Arena in Wyandotte.

Posters should be original art (licensed characters like Superman cannot be depicted). Posters should be 11" x 17". Posters will be on public display and should be easy to see or read.

The deadline for entry is 3 p.m. Friday, March 24 at 3 p.m. The arts council is located at 20904 Northline Road in Taylor, 48180. Hours are from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.Wednesday through Friday and from noon-3 p.m. Saturday.

To obtain and entry form, call U.S. Steel at (313) 749-3360 or e-mail the company at dmdayton@uss.com,

Schools schedules open house

Metro Charter Academy, a kindergarten to eighth grade public school academy in Romulus, is recruiting new students at an open house tonight at 6:30.

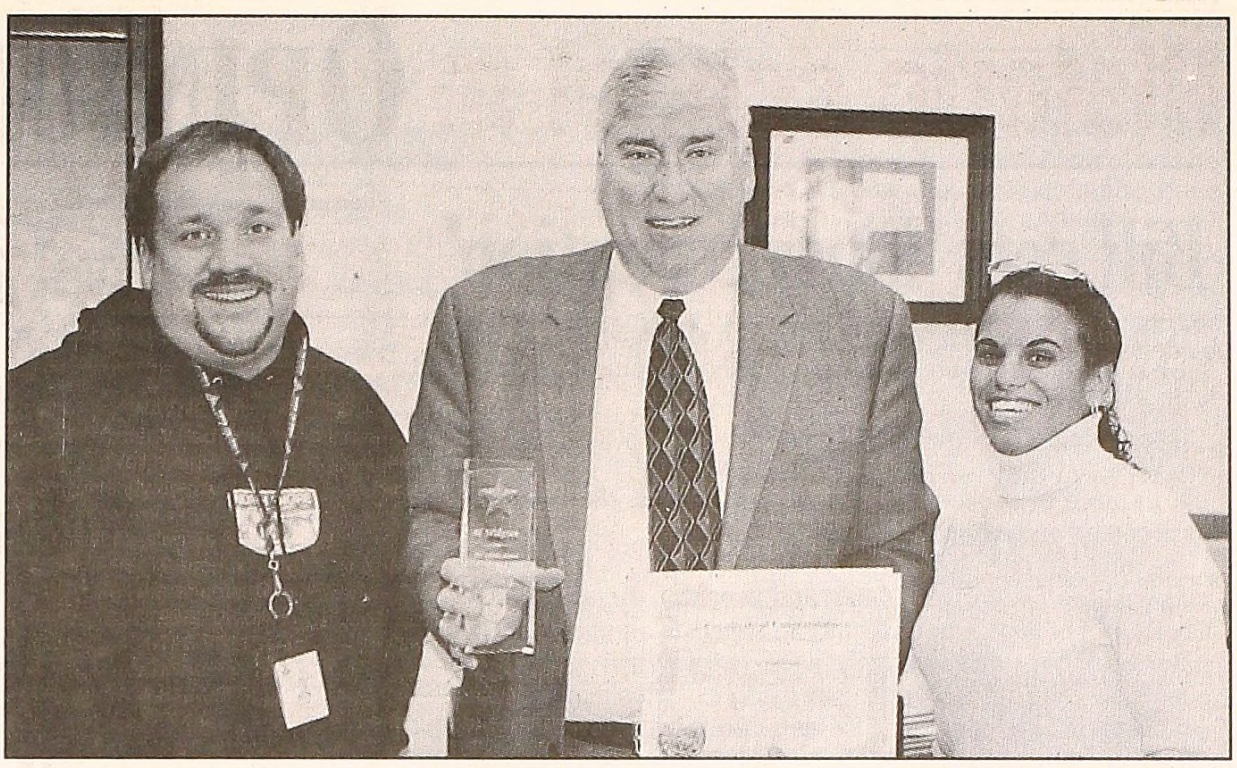
The school is part of the National Heritage Academy network. The recruitment drive is for students who would begin school in fall 2006.

The open house will take place at the school, located at 34800 Ecorse Road in Romulus. Teachers and administrators will be on hand to better explain the school curriculum and approach to education.

For more information and to reserve a seat for the event, call (734) 641-3200.

Principal readies to say goodbye

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer



Community High School Principal Al Wilkerson stands with Ryan Fisher and Kin Adamczyk of Growth Works, which recently gave him an award.

Al Wilkerson, the principal of Community High School in Romulus, has seen things in his 35 years as an educator that some people can't believe.

Students struggling with homelessness; teens whose paychecks from their part-time jobs are used to put food on the table for their entire family; drug and alcohol abuse; young people who have been incarcerated, the list goes on and on.

Wilkerson – who will retire at the end of the school year after more than 35 years on the job and six years at the helm of the alternative school – said he's seen some heartbreaking situations. But as he enters the final months of his career, he's adamant that the way teens are treated in school, and in society, needs to change.

"There's so much violence, and so much confrontation about things that shouldn't matter," he said. "I spoke about this with students a few days ago, and I told them that not everything needs to be so confrontational. We need to get that into their heads as soon as possible."

Community High School has an enrollment of about 300 middle and high school students. It is charged with the responsibility of providing an education to students who fall through the cracks in a traditional school setting. There are some students with behavioral issues, but others are facing difficult situations – Wilkerson said he's seen students who have been kicked out of their homes, are working near full-time hours to help their families financially, or who have had to drop out of school because of poor grades, a lack of motivation, pregnancy, or any number of situations.

He said the vast majority of them have two things in common: Most are very bright, and several have little or no support at home.

"We're stepping in for parents some time, and it's hard to be angry with them, because some of them don't know what to do," he said. "I have students that need things like dental work, and sometimes, we spend a part of our day finding low cost health services for students."

There are many success stories among the students that graduate from Community High School – a fact in which Wilkerson takes pride.

"We have many students that go on to college or trade school," he said. "I once saw a kid that came to us with a 1.3 grade point average, but when he took the SAT, he scored 34. In his first semester at Washtenaw Community College, he earned a 3.7 GPA. It's not that he wasn't smart or capable of doing the work. He had bad parents, and our job was to foster positive work habits. In this case, it worked."

But sometimes it doesn't work. Wilkerson said he recently heard that a former student who he thought had dealt with some of his personal problems was fatally shot along with his cousin during a botched drug sale.

"Those are the things that make you really angry, that something like that happened to one of your students," he said.

Wilkerson joined the Romulus Community School District as a basketball coach in 1970. He was working toward his teaching degree at the time, and hired on as a teacher a year later. As a coach, Wilkerson led the Romulus Eagles basketball team to a championship in 1986.

Wilkerson worked as a middle school and high school history teacher, and a counselor before taking on the principal's spot at Community High School.

Early on in his career, Wilkerson saw that a need for alternative education. First, he helped created a "night school" where students could make up lost credits during the evening hours. Wilkerson taught in the day, then came back at night because he wanted to see the program succeed.

"I was really worn out, but I was 35 years old, so I had the energy," he said.

The night school concept eventually evolved into the alternative school. At its inception, the school educated about 40 students. The program now boasts about 300.

Superintendent Joel Carr said Wilkerson's retirement is a loss for the district.

"Al is a tremendous person and has excelled at being a coach and especially at the alternative school," he said. "(Wilkerson) has worked very hard at making the alternative program successful, and we wish him all the best."

For Wilkerson, retiring is bittersweet. "I had a good, long ride, and I'm proud of what I accomplished here," he said.

He knows that whoever takes his place at the alternative school will have quite a task on his or her hands. "My staff is as dedicated as I am, so I'm not worried," he said.

Wilkerson does have some advice to offer, however.

"I always try to remember that even if I am having the worst day," he said, "I am often a student's best hope."

Commissioner - Development key to success of region as a whole

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during the next two years.

"One of the things that is going to be very important for the county is getting the Pinnacle project under way," he said. "We've been waiting a long time for something to happen over there, and we need to get that property developed and back on the tax rolls. That will help improve the tax base of the whole area."

Pinnacle Aeropark – a proposed 1,200-acre business and technical park that will be built north of Detroit Metropolitan Airport – will likely begin infrastructure work on the first 150 acres this year, according to county officials. Romulus officials – as well as the county – hope the project will make western Wayne County a nerve center of business for the state.

"This is a big part of what we hope will bring high-tech jobs to the area," Boike said. "Those are the kinds of jobs we need right now."

Currently, Boike serves on several committees as a commissioner, including the environment, drains and sewers; economic development; and public service committees.

Prior to his election as a commissioner, Boike served as a councilman in Taylor.

If more than two people run for the seat, a primary election will be scheduled Aug. 8.

Potential candidates must file for election by submitting at least 200 verifiable signatures from registered voters or a $100 filing fee. Petitions can be picked up at the Wayne County Clerk's Office in Room 502 at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Complex in Detroit. For more information, call (313) 224-5525.

Water - City doesn't always follow recommendations of rate increases

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water rates for suburban communities, but elected to keep the rates the same for the City of Detroit.

It didn't take long for suburban officials and state officeholders to express their displeasure.

"I think it was the most knuckleheaded, divisive vote I've ever seen a governmental body take," Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer told a room filled with state and suburban officials Friday morning. The comments came at a meeting of the Conference of Western Wayne (CWW), just before the assembled group approved a resolution protesting the concept.

"I don't intend to sit by and watch the City of Detroit stick my residents," Dwyer added. "I'll speak up."

The Conference of Western Wayne is a collection of representatives from communities throughout western Wayne County. Overall, they represent more than 700,000 Wayne County residents.

However, things cooled off considerably during the weekend, when the Detroit council then voted to raise rates in Detroit by 5.4 percent. Council members had to make the move after they received a legal opinion that indicated an increase that affected one group and not another was against the law.

State Sen. Laura Toy said she hopes the earlier vote would spur Gov. Jennifer Granholm to act on her bill, which was sent to the office of the governor earlier this week, as well. Senate Bill 372 would form a regional water authority to provide additional oversight for the Detroit department.

"That's exactly why the senate has already approved this bill," Toy said. "We must bring fairness and accountability to this system for all the residents it serves in the region."

Opinion

Bill gets 'lousy reception'

Officials in western Wayne County – and elsewhere, no doubt – have been concerned about changes to telecommunications laws, and with good reason.

Specifically, the threats that have come across their radar screens are those to cable franchise agreements, modifications that could be put in place by the federal or state governments that would erode local control and reduce revenue.

Nothing has been introduced at the state level yet, but federal lawmakers have been investigating and tweaking the so-called Video Choice Act of 2005. Optimistically, this legislation may have a good intention: to provide additional choices to consumers. It's designed to allow new companies to enter into the video cable market, but without having to enter into franchise agreements with local governments. Those agreements stipulate that the companies must provide the opportunity for service to all residents, not just the more affluent ones. It sets up a fee paid to the municipality and other services, too, and outlines control over access to rights of way.

The objection from the locals is that the fees are important to daily operations – they've seen cuts just about everywhere else, such as state shared revenue, Community Development Block Grant funds, sometimes even road money, while costs have continued to increase. They also want to provide equal and adequate service to their residents.

It's hard to imagine where federal and state lawmakers are coming from these days. They seem to have no compunction about pushing their problems off on to the local municipal leaders and not giving them the opportunity to solve their own problems. It's a shame because when residents get upset, they're more likely to call up their city or township hall or attend one of their meetings to vent rather than hop in a plane to Washington or a car to Lansing.

Everyone would agree that increased competition is a good thing for consumers. We don't have a problem with opening the door for new companies to try out this market. We just don't understand why there is a need to create new rules for these companies, rather than telling them to follow the same rules that current cable companies follow. Isn't that common sense?

Because if new companies are allowed to go about this same business in different ways, you can bet that existing cable companies will want to do it, too. That will most likely mean court action, which will waste more taxpayer money.

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Thanks for proving our point

Regional cooperation? Not so fast.

Just when you think that the City of Detroit and the suburbs can finally come together and progress as a region, something happens to throw a wrench in the proverbial spokes.

This time around, it was something near and dear to the hearts of all suburban officials: water rates.

When the Detroit City Council last week approved a resolution imposing a 6 percent increase in rates for suburban customers without imposing the same increase on Detroit residents, it proved that the system needs to be fixed.

Sure, the council reversed the vote two days later after a loud outcry from elected and appointed leaders in the suburban communities and after attorneys for the City of Detroit questioned the legality of such a vote, but by then the damage had been done.

Suburbanites called it a ridiculous move. Many pointed out the

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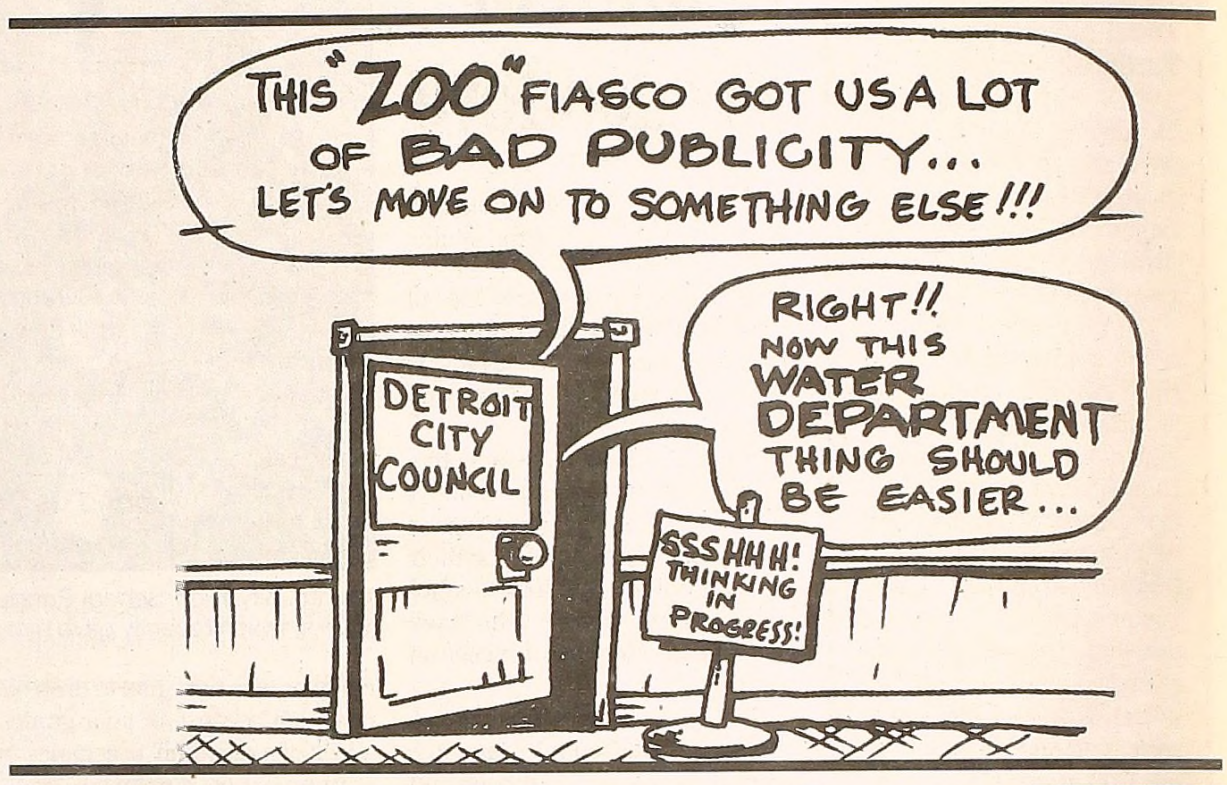

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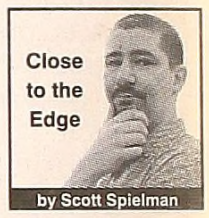

The world is certainly a different place today than it was when I was growing up.

That's hardly news. I am, in fact, reminded of that almost every day. Most recently, it was at the 29th District Court in Wayne, where the courtroom was filled with teenagers, their parents and prosecuting attorneys.

It's not as bad as it sounds: it's actually a good program, referred to as a Teen Court. They have been in existence elsewhere in Wayne County – the 35th District Court in Plymouth was among the first to start one – and are now being added to other courts throughout the Detroit metro area.

It essentially allows first-time offenders the opportunity to be heard by a jury of their peers, rather than thrown into a sometimes slow and tedious juvenile justice system.

I've sat in on sessions before as a reporter. This one was the first I sat in on as a parent, too. I may never let my son, Henry, outside again.

Granted, he's only 5 and I've always assumed that I would have enough time to invest in him the kind of character I'd like to see: tough, independent, self-confident – the kind of kid that won't be pressured into making the same stupid decisions I made. I realize now that I may not have as much time as I thought.

One teen suspect confessed to trying cocaine while she was in the eighth grade. Her current case involved marijuana possession on school grounds – she had it hidden in a friend's car. Her own father, although it clearly pained him to say it, described her as sneaky.

The other case filled me with dread. He was a good kid, with average grades, active in many after school sports. He decided to go over to a friend's house one morning. His friend said he didn't want to go to school that day and the friend's mom called in sick for the two boys, helped them hide his car so his own parents wouldn't see it and then convinced them to do some shopping. When he told her he didn't have any money, she told him it was OK because he didn't need any money – she knew of a store it was easy to steal from because it was managed by 'a couple of old ladies.'

Needless to say, his case involved shoplifting.

His mother's voice caught with emotion when she tried to describe the betrayal she felt that another parent would do such a thing. My own eyes misted a bit. What happens when you, as a parent, do everything right and then run into something like that?

I've always thought that, as parents, we're all in this together, so to speak. I thought we all want our children to be better than we are, to have more than we did, have an easier time than we do. I look at my role in Henry's life to make sure he has all of my gifts and none of my hang-ups and I'm already fighting the odds because the gifts are few and the hang-ups, many.

Still, I push for it. I tell him there's no reason to

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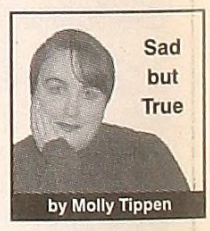
It's time to let the 'sunshine' in



It's that time of the year again.

We are at the end of Sunshine Week – the time when scribes at newspapers do their best to shine a light on Freedom of Information (FOIA) issues and governmental waste and other sorts of wrongdoing so readers know exactly what is occupying public officials, and what's happening in their communities.

That's a lofty goal to achieve; and it's something we should strive for each day, not just for one week. Actually, it's sad that the American Society of Newspaper Editors had to declare such a week to get us re-focused on our role.

But Sunshine Week is not just for journalists. It's also for the reading public. That's because using the Freedom of Information Act – which was created to impel governmental and other public entities to provide information and documents about their activities – is often the only way to get information about how publicly-funded money is spent, and how resources are used.

Unfortunately, public officials don't always see it that way.

I know of two fairly recent examples of how prohibitive it can be to obtain information that should have been made public. The first one happened a few weeks ago, when I submitted a Freedom of Information request to the Wayne County Sheriff's Department to obtain information about the arrest of a local councilman.

For weeks, pleading for information was ignored until the interim media director finally provided limited information about the arrest over the phone. When we requested the report, he asked us to officially request it. By law, he had up to 10 days to provide it. He missed the deadline.

When I initially requested the report, I was told the department was too busy because of the Superbowl. Now keep in mind, we were asking for a report for an individual who was already officially charged, so there was no ongoing investigation. Plus, the department has the right to redact personal information from the report under the law. Frankly, I would have been happy if they just told me what happened, when it happened and where it occurred.

Another is example is the exorbitant use of fees to discourage requests. In Inkster recently, we were

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Water

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positive regional approach to the recent Super Bowl as a sign that the entire area could get along and the vote as a sign that it couldn't. Legislation already introduced that would require a regional oversight board for Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) was pushed even harder, although it was at one time described as a mere political ploy designed to make Gov. Jennifer Granhom's reelection bid that much harder.

With these petty and not so petty squabblings aside, it remains clear that something needs to be done with the situation. State Sen. Laura Toy's bill may not be the answer – it may not change anything – but there must be some other alternative that would give suburban representatives a meaningful say in what goes in with a system that supplies water to so many. Whatever it is, it must be fair enough to ensure than neither side can gang up on the other because that's what everyone is after, right? Fairness?

Hopefully everyone can come together and approach this as an opportunity to make things better rather than another reason to draw the same old lines in the sand.

We're all adults, after all. Why can't we get along?

Cable

FROM PAGE 4

Local officials have pledged to continue to lobby to keep their ability to directly collect these fees and maintain their local control.

Hopefully, they are successful because if not, it will be to the detriment of residents, whose cities and townships won't have as much funding to provide valuable services.

Together

FROM PAGE 4

be afraid of spiders, even though I'm cringing inside as I squeeze the life out of some hairy specimen I've found in my basement.

I tell him to make friends with other kids, even though the sight of them when I was a boy sent me fleeing in the other direction.

I tell him not to get frustrated when he's playing computer games although my old childhood room was littered with scraps of old Atari systems because my little pac-man guy was never faster than the 'ghosts.' I tell him to concentrate and keep his eye on the ball even though I never once hit a line drive in all my years of swinging the bat. The list goes on.

I do these things because I want the world to be a better place and for that to happen we need better people in it. There's only one group of people that, in the end, can make that happen: parents. We're in this together.

Sunshine

FROM PAGE 4

asked to pay $100 for a six-page employment contract and vacation schedule for a now-departed city appointee who was playing fast and loose with his work hours. This was pertinent because, if the appointee was not working when he said he was, the taxpayers might not have gotten what they paid for.

Now, municipalities are allowed to charge a fee to cover the costs of reviewing and printing the information. But based on the amount of money the attorney typically bills, and how much clerical employees are paid in Inkster, there is just no way the fee could have been incurred.

It's time for newspapers and other media outlets – especially the smaller ones without deep pockets – to start fighting for a fairer, less expensive FOIA process. No one wants governments to bankroll these processes, but when it's prohibitive for us, that means readers might not have all of the information they're entitled to.

Sunshine Week is a good time for us to remember that government still belongs to the people. The rules haven't changed.

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The South Side Master Plan Amendment workshop meetings will take place on selected Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. during regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meetings.

South Side of Charter Township of Van Buren Master Plan Amendment workshop meetings are as follows:

March 8, 2006	March 22, 2006	April 26, 2006
May 24, 2006	June 28, 2006	July 26, 2006
August 23, 2006		

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD FEBRUARY 27, 2006 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.
Present:, Ellen Craig-Bragg, Leroy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.
Excused: John Barden
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison-Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-068

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held February 14, 2006

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Gear.
Motion Carried.

06-069

3A. motion by Burcroff, supported Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and introduce a resolution to approve PC-2006-001 City of Romulus Zoning Map Re-certification, which shall supersede the existing official zoning map.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-070

3B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to concur with the Planning Commission and introduce Amendment No 5 to Metro World Centre Planned Development Area Agreement PC-2006-003, a request for a change of designation of approximately 93.28+- acres of Development Area D, Office Research and Technology to Regional Center and the change of designation approximately 42-15+- acres of Development D Area, Office Research and Technology to Development Area H, Mixed Village. Also, to include, consistent with the recommendation of Cynthia Lyon, City Planner memorandum dated February 22, 2006 the following:

1. Restating of the agreement incorporating all amendments;
2. Recording of the Restated Agreement with the Wayne County Register of Deeds;
3. Compliance with Langworthy Strader LeBlanc and Associates, Inc. letter dated February 13, 2006 and Orchard Hiltz & McCliment letter dated February l, 2006.

The property is located on the west side of Vining Road between 1-94 and Ecorse Roads and contains the following parcels: DP#'s 82-80-033-99-0012-000, 82-80-033-99-0006-703, 82-80-034-99-0007-000, 82-80-034-99-0006-0000, 82-80-036-99-0005-701, 82-80-036-99-0001-000, 82-80-033-99-00011-0000, 82-80-034-99-0007-0000, 82-80-034-99-0006-000, 82-80-034-99-0005-701, 82-80-035-99-0003-000, 82-80-035-99-0006-701.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-071

3C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to grant a No-Fee permit to the Romulus Historical Society for a flea market to be held at the Historical Park on Saturday, June 17, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3D. No Action Taken.

3E. Proposal by Ryan Green- No Action Required.

06-072

4A1. Motion by Bragg, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a resolution honoring Maria Lambert as having been chosen Person of the Year by the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-073

5A. Motion by Crova, supported by Crout to concur with Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and City Assessor Julie Albert to extend Bid Award 01/02-26 for a copier to Albin Business Centers.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-074

5B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to introduce Budget Amendment 05/06-25:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund				
Expenditure				
101-1220-712.77-14	Attorney Fees-Labor Relations	15,000	25,000	40,000
Fund Balance				
101-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	1,640,638	(25,000)	1,615,638

To allocate funds for additional cost due to extensive contract negotiations.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-075

5C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to introduce Budget Amendment 05/06-26:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Retiree's Health Care				
Expenditures				
676-8110-881.74-53	Retiree's Dental Insurance	30,256	2,884	33,140
676-8110,881.74-54	Retiree's Life Insurance	8,625	548	9,173
676-8110-881.74-55	Retiree's Health Insurance	525,077	103,023	628,100
Retained Earnings				
101000-395.00-00	Retained Earnings	1,959,739	(106,455)	1,853,284

To allocate funds for increase in benefit costs and 6 additional retiree's since 7/1/06.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear,, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-076

5D. Motion by Crova, supported by Crout to concur with the Administration and approve the reappointment of Michael Wojtylko Sr. and Eva Webb to the Police Fire & Safety Commission with their terms expiring 02/22/07.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously

06-077

5E. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to concur with the Administration and approve the reappointment of Cynthia Harris and Mark Wilhide to the Police Fire & Safety Commission with their terms expiring 02/22/08.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
6A1. No Action Taken.
6A2. No Action Taken.

06-078

6A3. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 05/06-24, introduced at the Council Meeting held February 14, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-079

6A4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to approve second reading and final adoption of 82-80-141-99-003-000, 82-80-141-99-002-000, 82-80-141-99-001-000, an ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City by rezoning three (3) parcels of land on the south side of Eureka between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads, from C-2 to RI -B for PC-2005-041, introduced at the Council Meeting held February 14, 2006. Amendment No. 1.208.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-080

11. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to authorize the City Treasurer to disburse funds of Warrant 06-04 in the grand total amount of Five Hundred Sixteen Thousand, Five Hundred Fifty Eight Dollars and Fifty-Six Cents ($516,558.56)

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Crova.
Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held February 27, 2006.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Lunch date

New programs provide lunch and company to area seniors

Kevin Hill
Staff Writer

Marian Bandy has lived in the Canton Place senior citizen community for nearly four years, but on Monday she saw several unfamiliar faces in the dining room.

"There's a few new ones here I've never seen," she said.

About 45 residents took part in a hot meal as the building opened a Wayne County "congregate meals" site—a place for seniors to gather and eat together.

There are more than 40 congregates in the county, but the one inside Canton Place, located at Ford Road and Sheldon, is only the second in the township—the Summit has one, too—and the first inside a senior apartment complex.

In fact, the Canton Place site is one of just a few congregates at senior high rises, said Carol Scott, department manager for the Wayne County Senior Citizens Services. Along with a site that opened this month at Greenwood Villa in Westland, it is among the first newly established sites in almost two decades. There are plans for yet another site in Belleville, said Craig Garrett, spokesperson for County Executive Robert Ficano.

Garrett said Ficano has noted the need for servicing the aging population. About 1,000 seniors and disabled persons get a meal every day at congregates countywide, he said. The county helps process the paperwork to secure funding for the sites from the state.

"I enjoy it," said Cecilia Karaschin, a six-year resident there. "You don't have to eat by yourself."

Most of the tenants at Canton Place live alone, according to Dianne Bodell, service coordinator for the complex. The program provides a great socialization opportunity, too, since a good, free meal has the drawing power shuffleboard doesn't quite match.

Bandy was so encouraged by the program that she became one of 11 who volunteered to fill plates each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. She said the program was good because some residents almost never venture outside their units.

"You can't stay in your apartment all the time," she said.

"We're not couch potatoes," added a cheerful Betty Zaczek, another volunteer who sat next to Bandy.

Volunteers Cecilia Karaschin, Marian Bandy and Betty Zaczek enjoy lunch after serving their fellow residents at Canton Place. The senior living community at Ford and Sheldon is the home of a new "congregate meals" site designated by Wayne County, where seniors can receive a hot meal three times a week.

She said there were also 11 homebound "Meals on Wheels" seniors living at Canton Place. For many seniors, this would be the only good meal they receive during the day. The menu Monday included chili with beans, mixed vegetables, oranges, corn muffins and milk.

Bodell said she hopes the program can increase to five days a week to serve the 120 building residents and other seniors and disabled persons who are interested.

"Many of the seniors in our building were not getting adequate nutrition because they don't care to cook for themselves anymore," she said. "They're living alone. They don't always get an opportunity to go out and shop for adequate groceries."

On Monday, there was still plenty of room and food left over. Bandy said she thinks the program will be a success, though.

"I think once word gets out, more people will come," said Bandy.

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Wheel man?

Police arrest suspect in series of thefts from car dealerships

Wayne police recently caught up with a 50-year-old Taylor man accused of a series of brazen thefts from area car dealerships.

Richard Ezerkis was arraigned on March 9 at the 29th District Court in Wayne on charges of attempted larceny and as a fourth-time habitual offender, according to Lt. Jason Wright of the Wayne Police Department.

Ezerkis is accused of stealing tires from new vehicles at car dealerships, he said.

"He's known for this," Wright said. "We would go in to the dealerships in the daytime, jack up the cars, take the lug nuts off and take the wheels."

Wright said he mostly targeted larger models, like Sports Utility Vehicles. The wheels – rims and all – can cost as much as $500-$1,000.

"These things are expensive," he said. "It can be a lucrative endeavor and it's not an isolated problem." Dealerships have reported similar thefts throughout Wayne County, he said.

Police suspected Ezerkis first hit the Jack Demmer Ford dealerhsip on Michigan Avenue on Oct. 8, 2005. The dealership was closed at the time and he had escaped before police arrived and they were unable to develop a case.

"(They) had been hit in the past," Wright said. "It was the same M.O. We were unable to develop any suspects."

That changed when Ezerlos allegedly returned to the dealership for a similar crime weeks ago, Wright said. This time they were able to get enough evidence for a warrant and arrested the suspect in his Taylor home.

Since Ezerkis' criminal history was so extensive, he was charged as a habitual offender. A fourth-time offender can get life in prison for his crimes, he said.

"He's in trouble," Wright said. "These are serious charges."

He's due at the 29th District Court in Wayne for a preliminary examination on March 29. Wright said he was happy to get the repeat offender off the streets.

"It was really nice to catch this one," he said. "It was a good conclusion to the case. We were able to stay vigilant enough to develop a case and hold someone responsible."

Police log

Too early for business?

Westland police recently headed out to a local auto repair shop after an employee reported damage to one of the bay doors.

Police report that sometime between 1:30-10:50 a.m. March 5, an unknown driver backed into a bay door at Westland Auto on Wayne Road and drove off without reporting the damage. The collision caused a large dent and several scratches. One of the windows built into the door also shattered from the impact, too.

However, police report that nothing from taken from the facility and the security alarm was never set off.

Double trouble

Signs of home invasion greeted two neighbors in the afternoon of March 6 after thieves took advantage of their absence.

Owners of two neighboring homes on Brookfield Drive, which is located north of Cherry Hill Road and east of Hix Road, reported break-ins to the Westland police on the same day. The value of the stolen goods varied greatly, however.

The first home invasion occurred between 5 a.m. and 4:20 p.m. A condo owner noticed some of his belongings in disarray as well as an open closet door and called the police. Police found the front door jamb shattered from being pushed or kicked in. The homeowner reported that about $3,200 worth of property was stolen, including cash, credit cards, a leather recliner, 34-inch television set, Sony PlayStation, clock, DVD player, and a digital camera. Due to the size of the television and the recliner, police believe that more than one person participated in the home invasion.

The second break-in took place between 8 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. The owner attempted to access her home using her automatic garage door opener, but it wouldn't open. She headed for the front door instead, and found that like her neighbor's home, it had been kicked in. Police checked the home and did not find anyone. The residence had been left in disarray, although the only thing found to be missing was a digital camera.

Student makes crank calls

A 15-year-old student at John Glenn High School was arrested on March 8 after police traced two bomb threats to his cell phone.

Staff at John Glenn received two phone calls last Wednesday—the first at about 1:30 p.m. and the second at about 2:30 p.m. – in which a caller claimed to have placed a bomb in a women's bathroom inside the school. According to police, on his second call, the caller told the secretary who answered the phone, "Why haven't you done anything about the bomb in the girls' bathroom? You're all gonna die."

Members of the Westland Fire Department had already checked the identified bathroom without finding anything suspicious and that the door was locked after the initial threat was made. Westland police remained in the school throughout the day and checked the school after both threats without finding anything.

Police were able to trace the calls to a cell phone that was then tracked to a John Glenn student. He was arrested the same day for making terrorist threats and sent to the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility to await trial.

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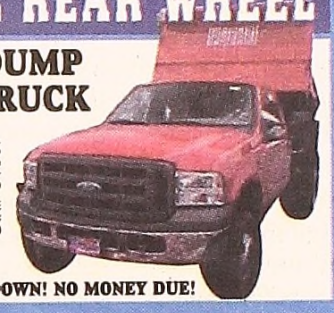

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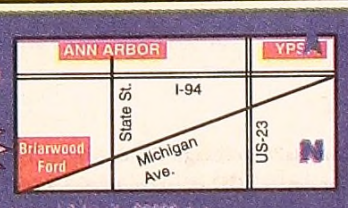

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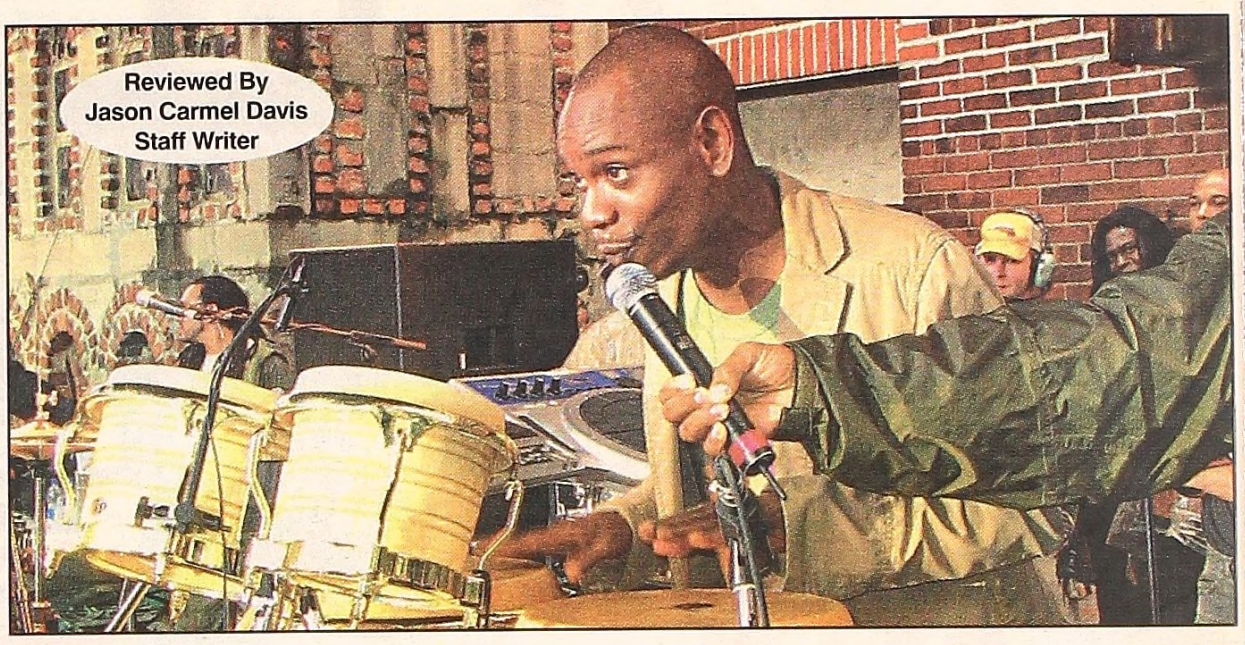

Reviewed By
Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

In 2004, Dave Chappelle was the biggest comedian on the planet. He had a hit television show that was breaking new ground in a manner that likened him to a modern day Richard Pryor. During that summer, Chappelle organized a block party in Brooklyn as a means of celebrating a $50 million contract with Comedy Central.

Two years later, Chappelle's star has faded due to a reported nervous breakdown and rumors of drug use. With his television show to resume shortly and his mental health apparently restored, *Dave Chappelle's Block Party* is a look back at the comedian and what may very well prove to be the peak of his career.

The film is a combination of concert film and documentary. Chappelle's aim was to bring as many of his favorite artists to this concert as he could. Kanye West, Mos Def, Common, a reunited Fugees—performing for the first time since 1997—and others join Chappelle, who provided his usual antics, for a super-secret concert. Busing in people from all over, keeping everything a secret, the film looks back at how the concert came together, looks at backstage antics and all the while lets us enjoy the concert as it happens.

The thing that stands out the most about the film is Chappelle himself, as he is just on top of everything comedic, while at the same time projecting a sense of warmth and genuine friendliness. Moving from being in front of the crowd in Brooklyn to Southwest Ohio (Chapelle's home), and all points between, Chappelle isn't trying to be anything in particular. He's just Dave Chappelle and he's extremely funny.

Chappelle didn't have the weight of the world on his shoulders then, it seems. This is the calm before the storm that would somewhat derail his career. If this was Chappelle's peak, then Block Party could be viewed as the zenith of just how funny he could be. It may be the power of good editing but Chappelle manages to just be an absolute delight on camera every moment he's on.

The music of the film is top notch, and Chappelle deserves credit for assembling such a diverse and talented group of artists. There's something to be said about listening to Kanye West's "Jesus Walks," while listening to the Central State University marching band play behind him, or listening to The Roots play in front of an audience. The fact that he got The Fugees back for one more performance is something special in itself.

Chappelle hasn't assembled a group of people who were popular at that moment or who were popular for a particular song, he's assembled a group of artists with large followings and libraries of work. As the film moves from artist to backstage antics and back again, it's a collection of great music that isn't played on the radio.

The film's inherent disorganization, as well as an awkward moment as a member of the Black Panther party calls for the release of "political" prisoners take away from a lot of the positives and general fun atmosphere of the film that Michel Gondry's direction works so hard to cultivate. Gondry is trying to carve out a niche for this film that tries to distance itself from other concert films, which as a whole tend to lack in quality, but at the same time trying to be different than everything else creates a lot of organizational issues as well in the way the film is structured. He hops back and forth from point to point, trying to establish a non-traditional narrative while interjecting Chappelle's overwhelming comedic presence.

On the whole, *Dave Chappelle's Block Party* has much more good than it does bad. With a great selection of music and a comedian just on the money for everything he's in, it's an interesting look back in time to a period right before Chappelle felt the weight of the world on his shoulders. It's unlike a lot of other concert films, but that's not a bad thing. From Chappelle having a rap battle with a Mr. T look-a-like to Dave and Mos Def doing a Laurel and Hardy-esque routine, Block Party is an amazingly profane and shockingly delightful viewing experience.

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New cable legislation threatens franchise fees

Scott Spielman
Editor

Municipal officials hope to stave off legislation that would negatively impact cable service to residents and hurt city and township budgets at the same time.

Members of the Conference of Western Wayne (CWW) and local officials expressed concern about legislation that is being considered at the federal and state levels that would eliminate local control of cable franchises and allow companies to 'cherry pick' areas where they would provide service.

> *These fees are near and dear to all of us.*
>
> ***Sandra Cicirelli***

Called the Video Choice Act of 2005, the federal legislation would create a national cable/video franchise that would allow new companies – such as phone companies – to enter the video cable market, according to Joe Fivas of the Michigan Municipal League. One of the problems is that they would be allowed to do so without obtaining a local franchise agreement, he said. That means the local governments would not have any control over those companies' use of their rights of way and they wouldn't be able to collect any fees. They also wouldn't be able to control which residents were offered service. Typical local franchise agreements contain what is called a 'build-out clause,' which ensures the companies offer cable to every potential consumer in the community, not just the well-to-do ones.

"You'll have no control over who has access to the service in your community," Fivas told the assembled CWW board on Friday. "We're concerned about that."

"The cable companies have indicated they can make a better profit that way," Wayne City Manager John Zech told members of his city council last week.

Of equal concern is the threat to the franchise fees municipalities can levy on cable companies that want to do business within their borders. Marci Bianconi, executive director of the CWW, said that those fees bring in $5 million to the various members of the organization from throughout western Wayne County.

"Obviously this is an issue that is important to us," she said.

Municipalities use those fees in a variety of ways. The City of Westland has used them to provide technological upgrades at municipal buildings – improvements that would have otherwise had to come from the general fund.

"These fees are near and dear to all of us," said Westland Mayor Sandra Cicirelli, who also chairs the CWW. "The City of Westland relies very heavily on those funds."

So does the City of Wayne. Zech estimated that the potential negative impact on Wayne about was $170,000 every year.

"That's a huge number for us," he said. "if this is another revenue that goes away, it's like death by 1,000 cuts."

Under the proposed legislation, the franchise fees would be paid to the state and then doled out to the communities through a revenue sharing procedure.

Bob English, assistant city manager of Wayne, said he has been looking into the issue and said nothing has been introduced yet at the state level. The federal versions of the bill, S 1349 and HR 3146, probably won't be the final version of the bill on which Congress votes.

"Until the bill is actually introduced, we don't know what form it will take," English said.

Bianconi said the CWW would continue to monitor the threat, though, and encouraged all municipal officials – and state residents – to write their legislators to encourage them to protect their local control.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
ANNUAL CEMETERY CLEANING NOTICE

The Department of Community Services will be conducting its annual spring cleaning at all township cemeteries.

Spring cleaning will begin March 19, 2006 and run through April 1, 2006

Receptacles placed on graves such as flowerpots, religious items and similar objects will be discarded if not removed by March 18, 2006

New items may be displayed beginning April 2, 2006

Van Buren Township provides maintenance for the following cemeteries:
Denton (Michigan Avenue and Denton Road)
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For additional information contact
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Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2006

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Herman, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Champagne, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Environmental Director Swallow, Lieutenant Brooks, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of sixteen (16).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of February 21, 2006 as presented. Carried.

Herman moved, Payne seconded to approve the Closed Session Minutes of February 21, 2006 as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2006 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor King acknowledged Police Officer Charles Bazzy who has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant and Charles Becker and Ryan McCormick as new police officers. Director Champagne, Lieutenant Brooks and Clerk Payne presented them with their badges.

On March 8th at 7:30 p.m. the Planning Commission invites the public to attend and participate in a meeting and discussion as part of the Planning Commission's project to update the Master Land Use Plan for the southern half of Van Buren Township, between the I-94 Corridor and Bemis Road to the south; and Rawsonville Road to the west to Hannan Road on the east. The meeting will be held at South Middle School located at 45201 Owen Street. For further information, residents can contact the Department of Developmental Services at 734.699.8913 or visit www.VanBurenMP.com .

The September Days Senior Center will begin a new transportation program for senior adults in Van Buren Township. This program will assist seniors in getting to their doctor's appointments. Transportation will be available on Monday and Wednesday to St. Joseph Mercy, University of Michigan and Veteran's Hospital. Transportation on Thursday will go to Annapolis and Oakwood Hospital. The hours are 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Reservations must be made 48 hours in advanced by calling Mindy Waddle in the Senior Center Office at 734.699.8918.

Wayne County Department of Environment is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, April 1st from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Huron High School located at 32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston in Huron Township. For more information contact the Wayne County Department of Environment at 734.326.3936.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Payne seconded to approve the assessment for the 2006 in the amount of $6,334 to be paid to the Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC). Carried.

Payne moved, Budd seconded to adopt the 2006-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Carried.

Hart moved, Jahr seconded to approve the reappointments of Jere Dolph, Robert Bechtel and Ronald Blank to the Downtown Development Authority with terms to expire March 9, 2010. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Hart moved, Herman seconded to approve the March 7, 2006 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the 2005 Environmental Report received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Payne is in receipt of a letter from an election precinct chairperson stating the election workers liked the new M100 voting machines that were used in the February 28th election.

The Recreation Department announced the following events: Open registration began on March 6, 2005 for summer day camp. Four camps will be held, Tot Camp for ages 4 – 6, Day Camp for ages 7 – 10, Tween Camp for ages 11 – 12 and Club Teen for ages 13 – 15. For further information please call 734.699.8921. Also the Marshmallow Drop will be held Saturday April 8th with a rain day of Sunday, April 9th. For further information please call the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

The Southwestern Democratic Club will host a Chili Cook Off on March 22nd from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Moose Lodge located at 831 East Huron River Drive. For more information contact Carl Pederson at 734.218.0605.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): A resident inquired if the Board of Trustee Agenda could be posted in the Public Safety Lobby and inquired about receiving information regarding building permits. Clerk Payne stated if there is a public board the agenda could be posted.

A resident of Ecorse Road stated Wayne County came out and picked up the containers of oil dumped on Beck Road, however; oil has also been dumped on Van Born Road. In addition, he stated he liked the new voting equipment and inquired if the township had received a court date regarding Belleville L.L.C. Diversified property. Supervisor King stated no the township has not been given a date.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Payne seconded to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Supervisor

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Sports

Belleville, Canton win district championships

Belleville wins round 3 against Romulus and Canton defeats favored Catholic Central

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Bellville and Romulus paired off for the third time this season but the stakes were much higher this time around.

The teams battled it out Friday night in round three of one of the most exciting and entertaining rivalries in the state.

It was the Belleville Tigers that landed the knockout punch by means of a 52-45 victory that secured them the Class A, District 15 championship crown on the Eagles' home court.

Romulus came out shooting and took an early 7-2 lead. Belleville took a timeout to settle things down and it worked. They finished the first quarter with a 10-0 run that gave them a 12-7 lead.

"We started the game trying to get Leon open and you saw what happened—7-2," said Belleville Coach Mike Krogel. "We went away from that and said; 'Play basketball and whoever gets the ball, knock down the damn shot. And they did."

The teams traded baskets through the second but it was Leon Freeman's slam-dunk that emphasized the Tigers' 25-17 half-time lead.

Romulus' Tommie Clark drained a triple in the third to bring the Eagles to within five, 27-22, but Freeman answered with his three. The shot started Belleville on an 11-2 spree that gave them a 36-24 lead. Tommie Clark nailed a double, Rod Walker split a pair from the line and Tommie Clark hit a triple, bringing the Eagles to within eight, 38-30, but Carlos Clark hit a deuce to finish out the quarter with a10-point lead.

Carlos Clark had a stellar quarter, too, with six points, two steals, a blocked shot and an assist. He finished the night as Belleville's top scorer with 16—something not expected by Romulus Coach Nate Oats.

"Our game plan was to control Freeman," he said. "I thought (Dominique) Buckley did an outstanding job against Freeman. To give credit to their guys, they had kids like Clark and (Caral) Dial step up and make a run and, between the two of them, they had 30. They stepped up and played big in a big game."

Krogel respected Clark's performance, too.

"Carlos has been the unsung hero here," he said. "All the publicity goes to Leon and rightfully so I guess, but Carlos is continually on a consistent basis—12 points, 15 points. He had 24 the other night and he just gets it done. He knows how to get it done around the rim; he knocks

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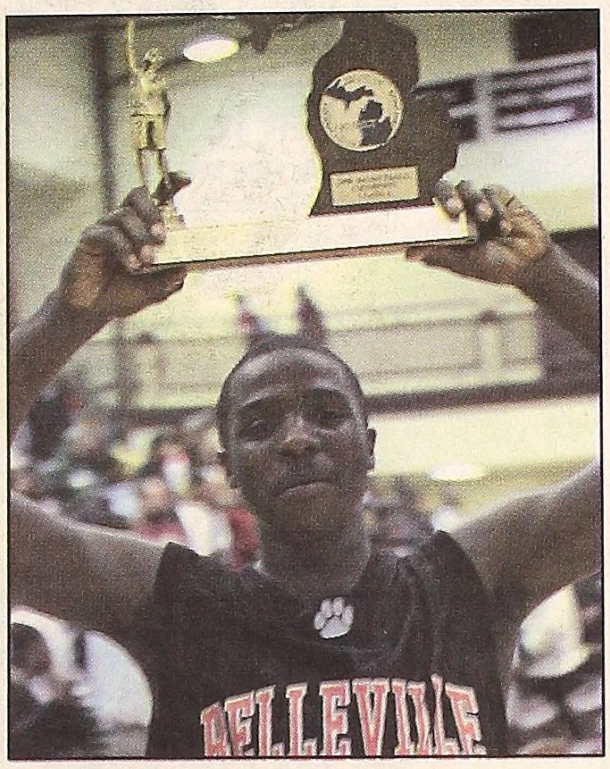

Belleville's Leon Freeman hoists the Class A District 15 championship trophy in celebration of the Tigers defeating the Romulus Eagles, 52-45, at Romulus High School on Friday.

Road to glory
Tigers topple Wayne Zebras

Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

A game that looked like a complete mismatch on paper turned out to be somewhat of a struggle for the favored Belleville Tigers.

Less than a week after locking up the Mega division title, the Tigers (16-3) stayed hot as they bested the Wayne Memorial Zebras (3-18), 65-50, in their district semifinal match-up.

The 3-17 Zebras didn't lie down to their superior opponent. At one point in the second half, Wayne cut the Tigers' lead to eight. Belleville standouts Carlos Clark and Leon Freeman made sure their squad held on to the lead, though, as the Tigers secured a 15-point win to put them in their second consecutive district

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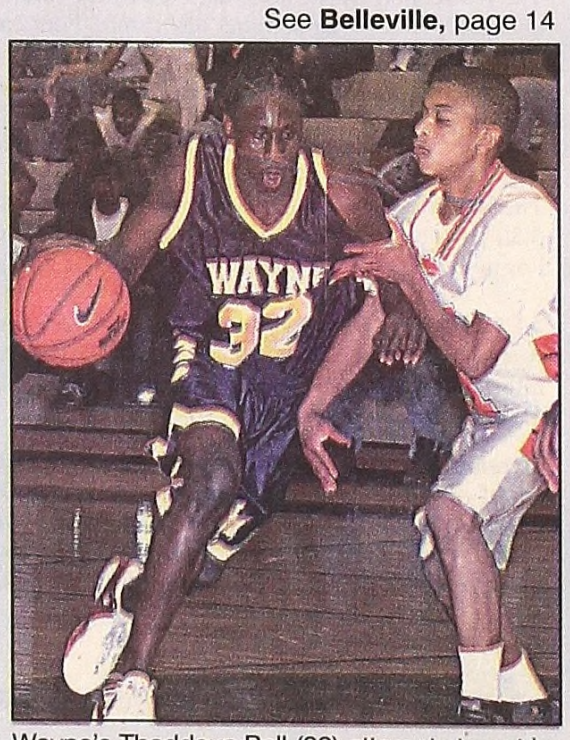

Wayne's Thaddeus Bell (32) attempts to get by Belleville defenders in last Wednesday's district semifinal. The Tigers defeated the Zebras, 65-50. The win pitted Belleville against Romulus for the third time this season and for the district championship at Romulus High School.

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs put together the perfect game at the perfect time.

They used balanced scoring, tough defense, effective rebounding and a solid overall team effort to defeat the favored Novi-Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks, 69-53, at Novi High School on Friday. The win captured the Class A District 25 championship title—Canton's first in 10 years.

"We kept telling the kids how good this team is," said Canton Coach Charlie Paye. "I saw them five times through the season so I knew they were good, but our kids did everything right. They rebounded and played good defense all the way through and shot the ball well. They deserve this."

Canton had 39 rebounds to Central's 31. Tall-man Ryan Waidmann led the pack with eight boards while Steve Paye and Andre Bridges nabbed seven apiece. Andy Larsen grabbed six.

On defense Canton kept Central's sharp shooters, Antyrio Raimer, Rob Forte and Aras Butkunas in check, for the most part. Forte led the Shamrocks with 17 points, but Raimer and Butkunas were ineffective. Canton's Rob Eppler limited Central's outside threat Garrett Senczyszyn to just six points. He also recorded eight deflections in the contest.

Offensively, the Chiefs were unstoppable.

Canton shot more than 50 percent from the field. They were more than 60 percent from the line, according to Paye.

Bridges led the Canton with his second straight 23-point outing. His total included four triples.

"Dre (Andre) is really picking his game up," Paye said. "He's starting to finish at the basket and hitting his outside shots. It seems like there was a stretch during the season where he just wasn't doing that. This is the right time for him to be stepping up."

After Bridges the scoring was pretty well balanced. Josh Butler followed with 10; Waidmann added nine; Eppler, eight; Steve Paye, seven; and Andy Larsen and Neil Sharma each had six.

Canton showed Central what its firepower was all about. The Chiefs racked up 26 points in the first quarter, taking a 10-point lead. Central got the best of Canton in the second, outscoring them 16-15, but Canton's earlier assault left them with a 41-32 half-time advantage.

The third period proved to be the most crucial for the Chiefs'

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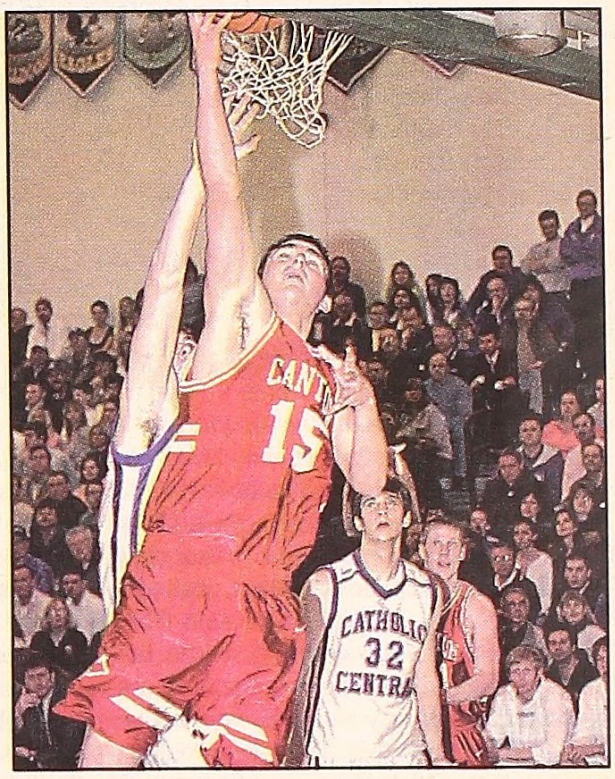

Canton's Ryan Waidmann (15) makes a lay-up in the Chiefs' 69-53 victory over Novi-Detroit Catholic Central for the Class A District 25 championship on Friday at Novi High School.

Road to glory
Chiefs hold off Wildcats

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Plymouth came close to knocking out the favored Canton Chiefs on Wednesday night in a District semi-final match, but couldn't pull out the victory.

The Wildcats put up a tremendous fight, leading through two and half quarters before Canton took over and put the game away 53-45 at Novi High School..

"We gave too many good looks to (Canton's) three scorers," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "We have to give them credit. They cashed in on those attempts. We tried to be aggressive and force them to make decisions and Canton made enough of the right plays.

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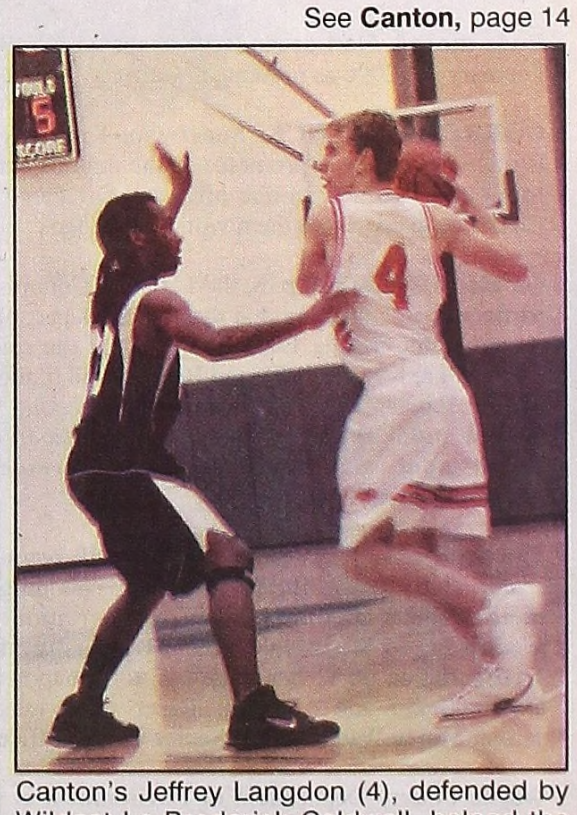

Canton's Jeffrey Langdon (4), defended by Wildcat La Broderick Caldwell, helped the Chiefs defeat cross-campus rivals Plymouth, 53-45, last Wednesday in the district semifinals at Novi High School.

SPORTS

Western Lakes all conference selections

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The regular season is over and the votes for the Western Lakes Activities Association' all conference and all division teams have been cast.

Northville's Alvin Storrs was the only junior to make the All-WLAA team.

The 6-foot-1 guard helped the Mustangs win their first-ever conference tournament championship by scoring 34 points (21 in the second half). Northville also won their first conference title all while tying the school's all-time undefeated record of 20-0.

"Some very good kids made that team and I would like to think that Alvin is right up there with them," said Northville coach Darrel Schumacher. "He is a coaches dream player. He always does everything that we ask of him and as far as a person he is an outstanding kid. His parent's have done a wonderful job raising him.

Canton's senior forward Andre Bridges made the cut as well.

He helped his team go 14-6 on the season and remain in third in the conference standings.

"He deserves it," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "He's a leader on the team and turned out to be a really good assist guy for us. I think he is the one player that other teams really have to prepare themselves for when the play us."

Walled Lake Central's 6-ffot-4 senior forward Chris Farr, Stevenson's senior guard Tony Lenardon, Franklin's senior guard Andre Bell and Walled Lake Western's senior guard Denard Branch, arguably the best player in the conference rounded out the chosen team.

Northville had two seniors, forward Chris Lorente and guard Campy Smith, make all-West division.

Smith won two games for Northville with buzzer beating triples.

Ryan Waidmann made the all-division team for Canton. The 6-foot-7 junior center came on stronger as the season went on.

"He scored a lot for us, especially in the last two-thirds of the season," Paye said.

D.J. Coleman was another player from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park system that made the team. The senior guard often led the team in scoring in his four years on the Plymouth Wildcats.

"Dwayne (D.J. Coleman) averaged 15 points his junior year and 10 his senior," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "He was an honorable mention as a junior and got the coaches nod for West division this year. He's getting looked at by some local smaller schools."

Coleman also proved his quickness on the track, running the 100 meters in 10.9 seconds, according to Van Wagoner.

Teammate Josh Le Duc received an honorable mention. He has his sights set on a football scholarship at Eastern Michigan University.

"Josh is an athlete!" Van Wagoner said. "He was all West division last year, averaging a double-double. I wish him the best at EMU on the football field."

Sharp-shooting senior forward Justin Collop made the cut from Wayne Memorial's squad. Franklin's senior guard Tommy Jankowski finished out the team.

The All-Lakes team included Salem's Billy Leddy, a senior forward that led his young Rocks team throughout the season.

The rest of the lakes side consisted of Walled Lake Central's senior guard Neil Mitchell, Stevenson's junior guard Luke Knochel, Walled Lake Northern's senior forward Alex Ropek and senior guard Nick Bortz, and Churchill's senior guard Joel Hall.

Honorable mentions went to:

(Northville) senior center Doug Hasse, senior guard Nick Kaldis, senior forward Brandon Barkoski and junior forward Bret Spencer; (Canton) junior forward Steve Paye senior guard Rob Eppler and senior forward Andy Larsen; (Plymouth) senior forward Josh Le Duc senior guard Jim Wilbur and sophomore forward Jake Hager; (Wayne) junior guard Josh Lewis and sophomore forward John Hill; (Salem) sophomore forward Grant Stone and senior guard Joe Halewicz; (John Glenn) junior forward Robert Jones and sophomore guard Ryan Lopez; (WLC) junior guard Aaron Hakola and senior forwards Tim Cross and Ryan Easton; (Stevenson) senior forward Andy Madeleine and senior forward Ben Schroeder; (WLN) junior guard Robert Johnson and senior guards Ryan Sheridan and Jordan Karbowski; (Churchill) junior Brad Evans and sophomore Ryan Rosenick; (Franklin) senior forward Matt McCullough and junior forward Sean Sciba; and (WLW) senior guard Mike Roberts.

Northville's junior Alvin Storrs was selected to the Western Lakes all conference team. Above, he makes a lay-up against Walled Lake Central in the Mustangs' conference tournament championship victory.

Canton's Andre Bridges (above) was selected to the Western Lakes all conference team. He helped lead the Chiefs to their first district championship in 10 years.

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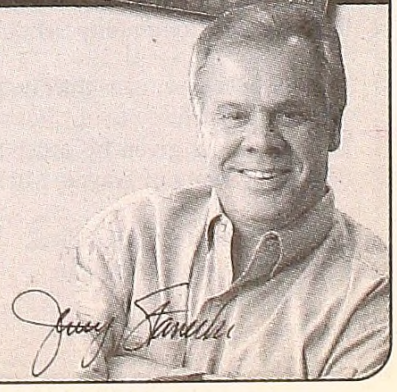

SPORTS

Romulus junior varsity goes undefeated

Although the Romulus varsity basketball team won't make an appearance at the state championship game again this year, there's plenty of good news regarding the future of Romulus basketball.

The Romulus junior varsity basketball team finished its 2005-06 season with a perfect 19-0 record under the guidance of coach Josh Baker.

The Eagles won a considerable amount of their games by 20 points or more, but had two real close calls. They managed to beat Saginaw Arthur Hill by two points in overtime but their one-point victory against Ann Arbor Huron was most exciting.

The Eagles were down by three against Huron with 20 seconds left in overtime and had possession. Martel Anderson drained a triple from the far corner to tie the game. Huron raced down court and scored a lay-up with just five seconds remaining but the Eagles' Devin Pankey attempted a 12-footer as time expired. Anticipation was frozen as the ball got stuck between the rim and the backboard before falling harmlessly to the ground.

However, the referee's whistle went unnoticed among the Huron fans' cheers. Pankey had a chance to tie from the line with two shots. He missed the first and the crowd went wild with excitement. They quieted once they heard the referees' whistle again. Huron received a technical for having their entire team lined up at mid-court during Pankey's first shot.

He made the second shot to make it a 59-58 game. Then Filmore Bouldes swished both technical shots earning the win for Romulus.

"This was an unbelievable season and I really have to compliment the kids," Baker said. "We just had a really good team this year and it was a pleasure to coach and work with them."

The undefeated Romulus junior varsity team included: first row (from left)—Rashaard Porter, Cody Barnes, Filmore Bouldes, Larry Horn, Valdez Green, Steve Hawes; second row—assistant coach Josh Brown, assistant coach Justin Smith, Delano Armstrong, Martel Anderson, Steven Sanders, Devin Pankey, Leron Rogers, assistant coach Ken Smith and Head Coach Josh Baker.

Canton

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Canton got the job done."

The first time the two teams squared off in the regular season, the Wildcats limited Canton's top scored Andre Bridges to eight points. He was 1-for-11 from the floor. This time he scored 23 points. Rob Eppler scored 15 this time for Canton; before he was limited to two and Ryan Waidmann scored 14 compared to four last time.

The teams traded baskets all the way through the first quarter that ended 19-15 in favor of Plymouth.

The pace of the game slowed down in the second. Waidmann made it a two-point game with the first basket of the second period. Then Plymouth answered with a double from Brent Jones and a triple from Josh Le Duc, boosting their lead to seven, 24-17.

Canton scored six straight from Steve Paye (2), Bridges (three-point play) and Eppler, who split a pair form the line. The run brought Canton to within one, 26-25, but Le Duc hit a jumper at the buzzer for a three-point half-time advantage.

Canton came out determined in the second half, scoring the first seven points and taking over the lead, 32-28 at about the 6:24 mark of the third. Plymouth answered with a six-point run by Brandon Roberts, Jones and La Broderick Caldwell.

Canton finished the frame with a 6-2 spree that set them up with a 38-36 lead going into the final round.

Eppler extended the Chiefs' lead, 41-37, at the top of the fourth followed by Waidmann's back-to-back lay-ups to make it a 45-37 game. Le Duc tried to keep Plymouth in it with a triple at 5:05, bringing them within five, but that would be as close as they would get the rest of the way.

Le Duc finished the night with 10 points and 11 rebounds. Jim Wilbur finished with nine; Brandon Roberts, six; and Caldwell, 7.

Belleville

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final against rival Romulus.

The win gave Belleville their fifth away from home this season in seven tries, while the Zebras finish their 2005-06 campaign with nine losses in their last 10 games. In two contests against the Tigers, Wayne was outscored by an average of 18.5 points.

Clark led the Belleville attack with 24 points, while Freeman chipped in with 18. Zebra standout Justin Collop scored 13 for Wayne.

Prior to Friday's district final, Belleville and Romulus (15-7) split two games, with both winning on each other's home court. The Eagles go into the rivalry game having won eight of their last 10 games.

ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN, FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006.

To the qualified Electors of the Romulus Community School District, County of Wayne, State of Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that, in conformity with the "Michigan Election Laws," I, the undersigned City Clerk, will upon any day EXCEPT Sunday, a legal holiday, and the day of any regular or special election, shall receive for registration the name of any resident not registered, who may APPLY for such registration EXCEPT during the time intervening between the CLOSE of Registration for the Annual School Election and the day of such election.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that voter registrations will be taken at any Secretary of State branch office or, in the Office of the City Clerk, 11111 Wane Road, Roomfuls, Michigan 48174-1485 between the hours of:

Monday thrum Friday - 8:00 am. to 6:00 p.m..

AND THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER

Monday, April 3, 2006 - 8:00 a.m.. to 5:00 p.m.

For the purpose of REVIEWING THE REGISTRATION LIST AND REGISTERING such of the qualified electors that shall properly apply therefor, the name of no person but an ACTUAL RESIDENT of the Romulus Community School District, at the time of registration, and entitled under the Constitution, if remaining such resident, to vote at the next election shall be entered in the registration book.

The following vacancies for member of the Board of Education will be voted upon in the Romulus Community School District:

TWO: (2) FOUR (4) YEAR TERMS

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Romulus Community Schools, County of Wayne, Michigan.

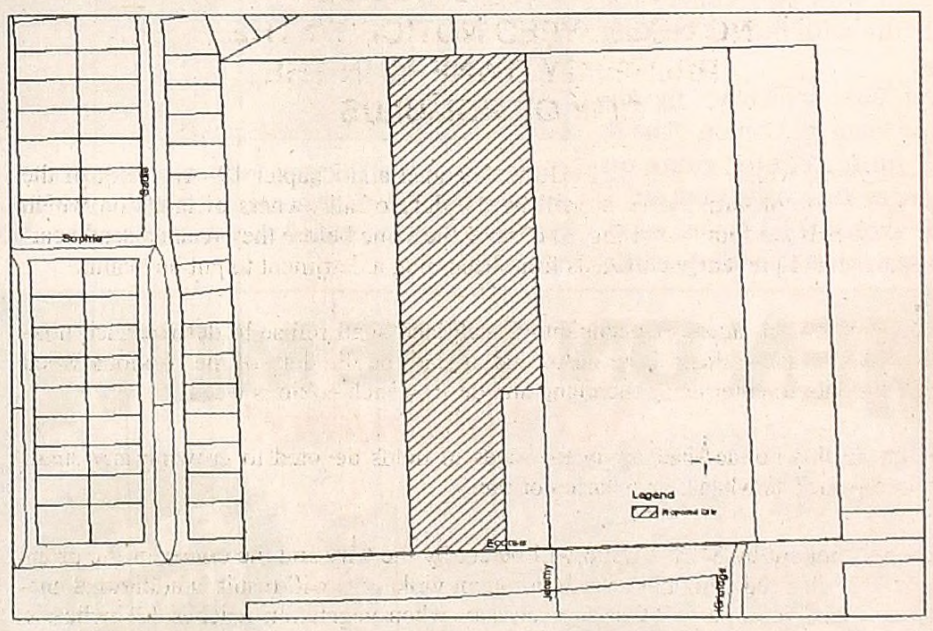
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: March 16, 2006

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday March 29, 2006** to consider special use approval on the following described property:

Parcel number V125-83-007-99-0005-001 approximately 9 acres located on the north side of Ecorse Road between Morton-Taylor Road and Haggerty Road. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting special use approval. Special Use Approval is required for a church per Section 7.03 (f) of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00p.m., March 29, 2006.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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SPORTS

Plymouth Whalers dodge 'Hounds, remain in 1st place

The race for the top spot in the Ontario Hockey League West remains tight.

The Plymouth Whalers moved back into the lead with a 4-3 home victory against the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds on Sunday.

As the score indicates, it wasn't an easy battle for Plymouth. The team had to rely on rookie Chris Terry to win a shootout after a scoreless overtime period. It is the third time this season that Terry has lifted the Whalers to victory with a shootout tally.

Terry's goal, the only one scored in the shootout, moved the Whalers (33-27-1-4) back into sole possession of first place in the OHL West Division with 71 points. Saginaw (34-30-1-0) is two points behind Plymouth after losing, 2-1, at Windsor.

The win also avenged a 1-0 loss to the 'Hounds a week ago.

Plymouth netminder Justin Peters continued to proved his worth in net by stopping 26 of 29 Sault Ste. Marie shots through 65 minutes. He then stopped Cody Thornton, Ryan Kitchen and Scott Restoule in the shootout phase to secure the victory.

Jared Boll contributed with two scores during regulation, including a deflection of Wes Cunningham's shot to tie the game, 3-3, with five seconds left in the second, for the Whalers. He now has 19 on the season. James Neal scored the other Plymouth goal, his 18th of the season.

Thornton scored twice for the Soo and now has 25 goals on the season. Jacob Lalonde scored the other Soo goal.

Things are bound to heat up as play-off season emerges on the horizon. First-place Plymouth and second-place Saginaw will play twice in the final week of the OHL's regular season.

The two teams met on Wednesday night in Saginaw but the results were unavailable at press time. They face off again at the Compuware Sports Arena at 7:30 pm on Saturday. Plymouth also heads to Sarnia at 7:30 pm on Friday night.

Plymouth 5, Erie 3

Terry came up big two days earlier against the Erie Otters.

His goal at 8:45 of the third period snapped a 3-3 tie, helping the Whalers came from behind and defeat the Erie Otters, 5-3, on Friday at the Tullio Arena in Erie.

The goal gave the Whalers their first lead of the contest when they had fought all night to just keep it even. Plymouth came from behind three different times, tying the game at 1-1, 2-2 and 3-3 before taking the lead for good.

Joe Gaynor, Evan Brophey, Jared Boll and Andrew Fournier all scored single goals for Plymouth. John Armstrong and James Neal added two assists apiece for the Whalers. Michael Blunden scored twice for Erie. Justin Hodgman scored once.

Plymouth 5, Windsor 8

Windsor out shot Plymouth, 39-30, defeating the Whalers 8-5 last Thursday. Bryan Bickell scored two goals and two assists, while Cal O'Reilly contributed a goal and three assists and Paul McFarland two goals and an assist as the Windsor Spitfires. Peter Aston, Brian Soso and Ryan Garlock, all scored single goals for Windsor.

Fournier lead the Whalers attack with his first-ever hat trick. Cunningham and John Armstrong each scored single goals.

Chiefs

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success.

Canton defense limited the Shamrocks to just five points in the frame while their offense scored 11 to give them an unbeatable 52-37 lead.

"We told the kids at half time to go out there and play like it was 0-0," Paye said. "We told them to forget that we were ahead because the other team isn't going to quit. The kids were focused and knew the game wasn't over."

Forte nailed back-to-back threes in the fourth to encroach on Canton's lead, 57-45, with about 5:11 left but that's as close as the Shamrocks would get.

Sharma answered with two baskets, making it 61-45 with about 2:30 remaining on the clock.

"The kids were excited," Paye said. "It's not like we win this every year and are tired of it. They worked hard all year and in the off-season—they earned this."

Canton (17-6) tipped off against Rochester Adams (11-11) at Troy Athens High School on Tuesday but the results were unavailable at press time.

If all went well they would face the winner of the Pontiac Northern-Orchard Lake St. Mary's game at 7 p.m. today at Troy Athens.

Tigers

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down free throws; and he can knock down a three or two. So he's become a complete player."

The momentum shifted in favor of Romulus in the fourth and final frame.

The Eagles scored the first 10 points, the last by Mario Crawford, to knot the game at 40 at about the 4:55 mark. Belleville scored the next six to regain the lead. The rest came down to fouls. Bellevile finished the game 6 of 8 from the line. The last shot of the contest was a triple from Romulus' Kevin Smith.

"I told them that they just need to regain their composure, take a deep breath and relax out there," Krogel said. "The game was at a frantic pace and we were trying to answer the same frantic pace that they were trying to set. I think the kids did a nice job. We reestablished ourselves. It was all about regaining composure."

Belleville faced Taylor Truman at Truman on Tuesday but the results were unavailable at press time.

If all went well they will take on the winner of the Dearborn Edsel Ford-Ypsilanti game at 7 p.m. on Friday at Taylor Truman.

ROMULUS HOUSING COMMISSION
INVITATION FOR BID

The Romulus Housing Commission will receive bids until March 20, 2006 in the office of the Commission, 34200 Beverly Road Romulus, Michgan to provide lawn maintenance service for 101 dwelling units of public housing and the housing commissions administration office. All properties are located in the City of Romulus, Michigan. Bid documents can be obtained during regular business hours at the Housing Commission office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m and 4:00 p.m. For more information please call area code (734) 729-5389.

Romulus Housing Commission is an equal opportunity employer.

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March 16, 2006

CITY OF ROMULUS
NOXIOUS WEED NOTICE TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS

In accordance with P.A. 359 of 1941, as amended and Chapter 19, Article 3, of the Romulus Code of Ordinances it shall be the duty of all owners of lands on which noxious weeds are found growing, to destroy the same before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from becoming a detriment to public health.

If any such owner, agent or occupant of such land shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds or cause them to be destroyed, it shall be the duty of the Noxious Weed Commissioner to enter upon such land and destroy such noxious weeds.

Nothing in this notice shall apply to weeds in fields devoted to growing any small grain crop such as wheat, oats, barley or rye.

All weeds not cut by May 1, 2006 will be cut by the City and the owner of the property will be charged with the cost. Subsequent violations will result in additional cuttings and will be done as often as necessary when vegetation reaches 12 inches in height and/or seed bearing stage.

Any expense incurred in such destruction shall be paid by the owner or owners of such land, and the city shall have a lien against such land for such expense. Any owner who shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds shall also be subject to a fine of not more than $100.00 per cutting in the discretion of the court.

All refuse and debris on the given owners property will be removed by the City at the owners' expense.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
APPENDIX A - ZONING
AMENDMENT 1.208

An Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Romulus by Rezoning certain properties from C-2 (General Business District) to R1-B (Single Family Residential District)

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

SHORT TITLE: This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Amended Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 1: To rezone 7.37 +- acres of land on the south side of Eureka between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads DP# 82-80-141-99-003-000 82-80-141-99-0002-000, and 82-80-141-99-0001-001, from C-2, General Business District to R1-B, Single Family Residential District.

SECTION 2: **Severability**. Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this ordinance be held in any manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such words, sentence, phrase, or any portion of the ordinance held to be so invalid and shall not be construed as effecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3: **Conflicting Ordinances.** All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Romulus inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 4: **Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon publication there of in an official newspaper, which publication shall be made when the minutes passing the ordinance are published subject to revocation at will of the City of Romulus at any time.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council at the of Romulus this 27th day of February, 2006.

Alan R. Lambert, Mayor

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Chambers in said City on the 27th day of February, 2006.

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk

Introduced: February 14, 2006
Adopted: February 27, 2006
Publish: March 16, 2006

River Roundup

Watershed council plans annual Huron River event

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Anyone interested in finding unusual aquatic creatures and making new friends along the way is encouraged to attend the "River Roundup" on the Huron River.

The Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) River Roundup for the spring will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 22. The event will check the ecological health of the river and give people the chance to find remarkable aquatic insects, according to Joan Martin, director of the Adopt-A-Stream program.

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>
> **Joan Martin**

"We're looking to see how many different kinds of insects there are and the more there are means the healthier the river is," she said. "The insects are telling us the water is clean and a great deal about the condition of the stream."

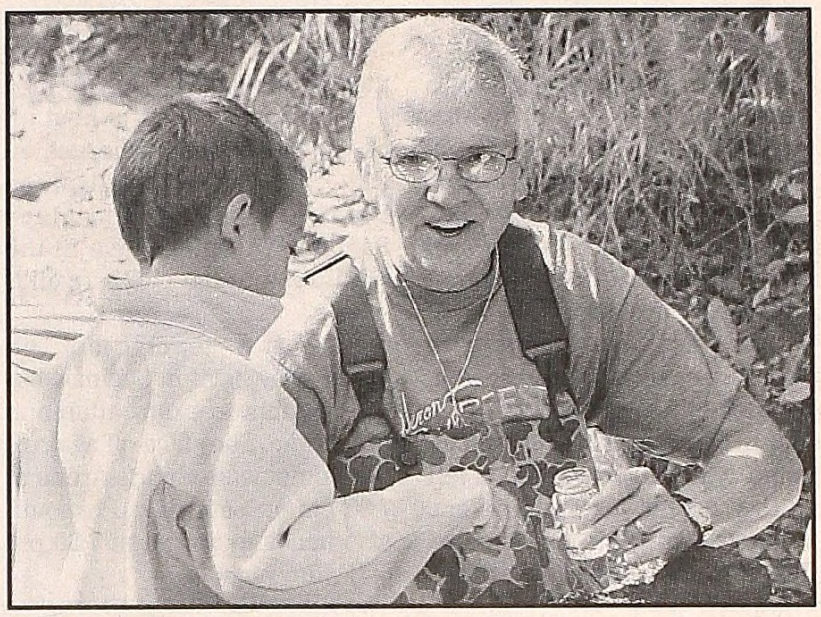
"Also, some of them hide under rocks to evade hungry fish and withstand forceful currents. Some even spin out of silk tiny fishing nets to get food or to live in and you get to see things like that," Martin added.

As part of the event, volunteers with the Adopt-A-Stream program at the HRWC measure the diversity of stream life and the aquatic insects and search for all kinds of insects that are particularly sensitive to pollution. Monitoring the population of aquatic insects will then indicate the problems in the streams and rivers. Just like canaries used in mines, aquatic insects are useful indicators because they respond to deteriorating environmental conditions before humans do, according to Martin.

"This is important for the community because only by knowing what we have can we protect it," she said.

Besides scientific purposes, there's also fun for the entire family:

"I really enjoy the roundups," said Dave Wilson of Belleville. "They give me an opportunity to renew acquaintances with old friends and to make new ones. Plus, I find the wealth of little critters we find in the streams absolutely fascinating."



Fred Hanert of Livingston County and Roy Cramer of Ann Arbor enjoy discovering the different aquatic insects during the last annual river roundup.

"It's nice to have an outdoor activity along the stream where it's scenic and you get to learn about the different kinds of wildlife," said Dan Swallow, board representative for Van Buren Township. "It's very informative and interesting to find out about the habitat conditions."

"Everyone gets to use the equipment to find the insects and discover a world they didn't know about," said Martin.

No prior knowledge or training is required. An experienced collector will lead each team and no one will have to go into the water. Children are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult.

The roundup will take about six hours and people can chose from the two starting times: 9 or 10:30 a.m. Everyone will meet regardless of weather, so dress to be outdoors, Martin said.

The deadline to register is April 11. There is no cost. For more information and location sites, contact Martin at (734) 769-5971 or email jmartin@hrwc.org.

New arrival

Madison Elizabeth Bell

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Chester James Bell and Katherine Elizabeth Myers, of Ypsilanti, became the parents of a daughter, Madison Elizabeth Bell, on Feb. 2.

The infant was born at 2:21 a.m. at University of Michigan Women's Hospital in Ann Arbor. She weighed 6-pounds, 9-ounces and measured 19 ¼ inches in length.

Maternal grandparents of the new arrival are Jeffrey and Joy Myers of Ypsilanti and Andrea Downey-Johnson of Massachusetts.

Her paternal grandparents are Chester and Janet Bell of Ypsilanti.

The baby's great-grandparents are Eleanor Jean Myers of Ypsilanti, Sandra Jackson of Massachusetts, Chester Bell, Sr. of Ypsilanti and James M. Griffen of Florida.

Great-great-grandmothers of the infant are Marjorie Bartolacci of Florida and Helen Downey of Kentucky.

She will also be welcomed by an aunt, Kristianna C. Bell and two uncles, Kyle Myers and Kendrik Myers.

This is the first child for the couple.

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1. Obituaries

UJDA, Lorraine A. (nee Riordan) of Wayne, Michigan died peacefully March 3, 2006 in Brookfield, WI. She joined her love, her husband Chester, who passed away January 13.

Lorraine was raised in Rhinelander, WI and graduated valedictorian from St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing in Green Bay, Wisconsin. She married Dr. Chester Ujda on August 9, 1942 in Detroit, Michigan. They moved to Wayne in 1943 where Lorraine was active in the Annapolis Hospital Auxiliary and the Wayne Garden Club. She was also a tireless contributing member and leader of the Wayne Beautification Committee.

She is survived by their three children, Dr. John (Roberta) Ujda of La Crosse, WI, Patricia (James) Toft of Waukesha, WI, and Nancy (Richard) Stanley of Waukesha, WI. She is further survived by 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren who all knew her as "Mimi". A private memorial service was held in Waukesha, WI. Memorials may be directed to St. Mary's Church in Wayne, MI.

30. Help Wanted

Direct Care Staff positions in Belleville group home. Must be over 21 years of age, have current driver's license w/good driving record and high school diploma or GED. Nursing home exp. helpful Will train.
Call (586)296-3568

Admin. Asst. for Local & Long Distance moving firm. Flexible hours. Must have initiative, be self motivated, experienced in customer service, accounts receivable & accounts payable. Must be able to multi-task.
Please fax resume to: 734-482-3571

DISPATCHER for a local towing company.
Full and part time positions available.
Qualified individuals must possess good verbal, written and computer skills. Competitive salary based on prior experience.
Send or fax resumes to:
J&T Towing, Inc.
287 Industrial Park Dr.
Belleville, MI 48111
(734)699-0584 phone
(734)697-8137 fax

Seeking Legal Secretary for busy Law Office
Min. 3 yrs. legal exp.
Please fax resume to: 734-427-0395

32. Help Wanted Drivers

DRIVER - CDLA 48 States, HHGDS and 2 years OTR experience, DOT requirements. Good driving record. Good Pay!
Start Immediately
Apply in person at:
Campbell's Moving & Storage, 1533 Beverly Ave. Ypsilanti, MI

WRECKER DRIVER
For a local towing company. Full time position with competitive wages available to qualified individuals that possess prior experience operating a wheel lift/flatbed wrecker. Individuals that apply must have a good driving record and pass a pre-employment drug test.
Must apply in person to:
J & T Towing Inc
287 Industrial Park Dr
Belleville, MI 48111
734-699-0584

Call 734-467-1900 to place your ad.

Worship Directory

Christ Temple Apostolic Faith Church
DISTRICT ELDER LUKE A. McCLENDON, PASTOR
Sunday
Sunday Morning Prayer (8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.)
Christian Education (9:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m.)
Morning Worship Service (11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m.)
Nursery Room Available for Children 4 Years of Age and Under
29124 Eton Street • Westland, MI 48186 • 734-326-3833

Sunday School 10A.M. - Service 11A.M.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:30P.M.
Pastor Earl Duncan
Morningstar Church
28563 Pardo
Garden City, MI 48135
734-367-3029

6. Legal Notice

PUBLICATION NOTICE
TO CREDITORS
DESCENDENT'S ESTATE

STATE OF MICHIGAN- County of Wayne, Estate of Lewis F. Wright
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Lewis F. Wright, who lived at 3793 S. Hubbard S. Wayne, MI 48184-1906, died on March 1, 2006. There is no probate estate.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Earl Wright, named fiduciary within 4 months of the publication of this notice.

This notice is published pursuant to MCL 700.7504. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom letters of administration have been issued.

Dated: March 13, 2006
Fiduciary:
Earl Wright, Fiduciary
3793 S. Hubbard St.
Wayne, MI 48184-1906
(734) 722-4534

34. Specialized Services

BRATCHER ELECTRIC
COMPLETE CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SINCE 1956
Remodeling • Service • City Repairs
734-722-0037
35728 Van Born • Wayne

57. Antiques

Motor City Antiques
Hours: Tues. - Sat. 10 - 6 Sun. Noon - 6
13431 Telegraph Rd., Flat Rock MI 48134 (734) 782-4018
17,000 Sq. Ft. of Antiques & Collectibles
Over 100 Dealers
Come Visit our 950 Sq. Ft. FURNITURE ALLEY
Hours: Tues-Sat 10-6, Sun Noon-6

34. Specialized Services

John's Professional Painting
Quality interior painting.
Deck staining/painting
References
Call John at:
734-728-6237

Need help looking for someone in your family tree? Want to know where great-grandpa was born? Local genealogy services available at very reasonable rates.
Call 734-260-1069 for more info.

Retired Handyman
Electrical, plumbing, small appliances, carpentry.
Minimum $65
Call anytime
734-658-1077

40. Business Opportunity

AVON
Needs Representatives
NOW!!!
Earn up to 50%
Heather 734-765-4496

LOOKING FOR AMBITIOUS PEOPLE
Men, Women, Couples-FT/PT
Let us help you start your own home based franchise.
Earn as you learn
Build a management group
Web-Site Sales only
(734)454-7668

44. Music Lessons

Guitar Lessons
Beginner and intermediate only. Taught in the home of Steven Smith, who has 35 yrs. exp.
Rates: 1 hr. $20
1/2 hr. $12
Call 734-838-0700 or 734-536-9469

45. Art Lessons

Adult Foster Care assistants needed for week-ends.
Some experience required
Will train.
Call 313-408-6138

58. Garage and Yard Sales

Garage Sale
Household items Some childrens items

Sat. Mar. 18
9:00am - 5:00pm
Sun., Mar. 19
9:00am-3:00pm

35254 Chestnut, Wayne
Near Glenwood & Elizabeth

59. Auctions

DEARBORN HEIGHTS POLICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on March 22, 2006 at 1:00 PM at Dalton Towing, 27218 Currier, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125 (313-299-9727):

1988 Ford 4 Dr
1FABP50DXJG195771
1989 GMC SW
1GKDM15Z5KB536991
1980 Oldsmobile 2 Dr
3N37FAM222703
1990 Ford PU
1FTCR10AXLVB04364
1989 Pontiac 4 Dr
1G2AJ51W1K6274734
1991 Chevrolet 2 Dr
1G1JF14T4M7132195
1987 Chevrolet 2 Dr
2G1WX12X6V9244375
1993 Oldsmobile 2 Dr
1G3NL1437PM022006
1996 Pontiac 2 Dr
1G2JB124XT75554506
1989 Buick 2 Dr
2G4WB14T1K1464576
1995 Oldsmobile 4 Dr
1G3WH52M15D349079
1990 Chrysler 2 Dr
1C3XJ45KXLG471389
1989 Chevrolet 2 Dr
1GNCT18R9H0128690
1979 Chevrolet Van
CGR2697184080
1990 Dodge 4 Dr
1B3XA4634LF868431
1990 Chevrolet 4 Dr
1G1JC54G3LJ160381
1995 Ford 4 Dr
KNJLT05HXS6136216
1995 Plymouth 4 Dr
1P3ES47CXSD623452
1994 Dodge 2 Dr
1B3AP24D0RN116003
2001 Honda 4 Dr
1HGCG56681A019703
1997 Chevrolet 4 Dr
2G1WL52M2V1175563
1988 Lincoln 4 Dr
1LNBM81F2JY752974
1992 Ford Van
1FTEE14N0NHA74174
1991 Ford PU
1FTEX15N4MKA92106
1987 Ford PU
1FTHX25L7HKA59916
1990 Dodge SW
2B4FK25K9LR644386
1991 Ford PU
1FTEF15N5MLA81726
1986 Chevrolet 2 Dr
1G1GZ37GXGR135526
1999 Mercury 4 Dr
1MEFM50U0XG632687
1997 Ford 4 Dr
1FALP13P4VW296528
1986 Chevrolet SW
1G8EC16L0GF201368
1984 Pontiac 2 Dr
1G2AM37R1EP330859
1993 Ford 2 Dr
3FASP11J9TR148269
1996 GMC PU
1GTCS14X5T8533309
1994 Ford SW
1FMEU15N7KLA16739
1993 Ford PU
2FTDF15Y2PCA09550
1999 Ford 4 Dr
1FAFP53U9XG278923
1991 Chevrolet 4 Dr
1G1BN53E6MW174469
1988 Ford SW
1FMCA11U2JZB27276
1995 Ford 4 Dr
1FALP52UXSA319172
1992 Chevrolet 4 Dr
1GNDT13Z8N2152393
1983 Oldsmobile 4 Dr
1G3AN69Y5DM926488
1993 Chevrolet 4 Dr
1GNDT13W6P2207643

Note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges.
Note: Cars might not be at this lot for viewing.

Mich. State Police Dept.

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction, March 29, 2006 at 10:00 AM, at:
J & M Towing
8964 Inkster Rd.
Romulus, MI

1995 Mercury
1MELM534XSG649441

Trailer-2 Axel (Assembled)

1994 Jeep
1J4FJ685XR1236337
1987 Dodge
1B7GG23Y3R5727772

Please note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges.

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on March 29, 2006 at 11:00AM at:

J & M Towing
8964 Inkster Rd.
Romulus, MI 48174

1992 Lincoln
1LNLM83W6NY701002
Plymouth
1P3XP24DXPN681574
1985 Ford
1FTDE14Y7FHA71800
1993 Chevrolet
2G1WL54T1P9241786
1987 Ford
1FAPP23J7HT180037
1988 Mercury
2MEBM74F4JX660838
1994 Ford
1FARP15J7RW255013
1994 Ford
1FARP15J7RW197520
Jeep
1J4FJ58L7LL125822
2001 Snowrider Trailer
RNR2B202111000117
1995 Plymouth
1B3ES27C1TD542766
Geo
JG1MR6462LK738621
1992 Buick
3G4AG54N1N5632035
1978 Oldsmobile
3L37F8M223433
Dodge
3B3XA46K8MT016307
1992 Mercury
1MELM5044PG667560
1992 Plymouth
1P3XA4633PFS65628
1997 Volvo
4VG7DAJH3WN745017
1994 Ford
1FDYW90L3RVA13661
1992 Int. Trailer
1HSRDDRR7NH437403

Please Note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges

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AUTO AUCTION
J & T Crova Towing
36573 Grant St.
Romulus, MI 48174
(734) 941-0221

March 29, 2006
9:00 AM

1998 Dodge Durango
4 Door
1B4HS28Y7WF188019

2004 Suretrac
Utility trailer
5JWCU192441002081

1993 Dodge Spirit
4 Door
3B3XA46K2PT591636

1994 Oldsmobile Bravada
4 Door
1GHDT13W7R2700513

1989 Jeep Cherokee
4 Door
1J4FJ28L4KL444477

These vehicles were towed by the Romulus Police.

Public Auto Auction
Wednesday, March 22, 2006
8:00am
Westland Service Towing
300 S. Newburgh
Westland, MI 48186

1994 GMC Van
1GDHG31K6RF535727

1989 Ford Pick-up
1FTHX26M6KKA63163

1988 Chrysler 4 Dr
1C3BU663XJD233299

1998 Honda Civic 2 Dr
1HGEJ6227WL021540

Note: Vehicles are Canton impounds

On March 25,2006, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:00am, at J&T Towing and Storage, 237 Industrial Dr., Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1988 Toyota 2 Dr
JT2EL36Z8J0258880
44-33-06

1992 Lincoln 4 Dr
1LNLM9746NY657937
44-86-06

1993 Mercury ST
4M2DV11W5PDJ10132
44-108-06

1993 Ford 4 Dr
3FAPP13J8PR163452
44-117-06

1997 Ford 4 Dr
1FALP13PXVW293679
44-134-06

1987 Oldsmobile 2 Dr
1G3EZ1137HU312718
44-140-06

1994 Chevrolet 2 Dr
1G1JC1446R7155759
44-144-06

1992 Oldsmobile 2 Dr
1G3NL14N9NM450321
44-149-06

1986 Ford TK
1FTCR15T8GPA53476
44-152-06

Upon completion, the auction will move to Great Lakes Towing and Storage, 42350 Van Born Rd., Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1988 Pontiac 2 Dr
1G2WK14W0JF274617
44-90-06

1992 Mercury 4 Dr
3MAPM148XNR612271
44-98-06

1996 Lincoln 4 Dr
1LNLM97V3TY638252
44-99-06

1993 Pontiac 4 Dr
1G2NE54N0PC722494
44-101-06

1993 Chevrolet 2 Dr
1G1JC144XP7328759
44-103-06

1993 Ford TK
1FTEF14N4PNA21432
44-125-06

1985 Ford VN
1FDJE37G1FHA88220
44-137-06

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On March 21, 2006 the Westland Police Department will conduct public auctions of impounded abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 10:00am at Westland Service Towing, 300 S. Newburgh, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1993 Ford Tempo
4 Door Teal
1FAPP36X0PK170931

1994 Ford Escort
4 Door Teal
3FARP13J3RR153133

1986 Olds Cutlass
2 Door Lt. Blue
1G3GR47A0GP338073

1979 Ford F-150
PU TRK Black
F15HLED2712

1993 Mercury Villager
Van Lt. Green
4M2DV11W5PDK00624

1988 Cadillac DeVille
4 Door Black/White
1G6CD5151J4319056

1997 Chevy Cavalier
2 Door Tan
1G1JC1247VM126723

1995 Plymouth Voyager SW Green
2P4GH2537SR131890

1990 Lincoln Towncar
4 Door White
1LNCM81F7LY831032

1996 Buick Riviera
2 Door Black
1G4GD2216T4701008

1986 Buick Century
4 Door Gray
1G4AL19R6GD407516

1997 Ford Taurus
4 Door Green
1FALP53S7VG128775

1985 Chevy S-10
PU TRK Blue
1GCCS14B5F2246192

1993 Ford Probe
2 Door Red
1XVCT22B3P5231340

1994 Ford Tempo
4 Door Green
2FAPP36X4RB121227

1997 Pontiac Bonneville
Green
1G2HZ52K1VH241017

1994 Saturn SL1
4 Door White
1G8ZH5593RZ182770

1992 Dodge Dynasty
4 Door Burgundy
1B3XC56R4ND706141

1987 GMC Safari
Van Gray
1GKDM15Z8HB524326

1992 Pontiac Bonneville
Black
1G2HZ53L5N1258256

1983 Datsun Sentra
2 Door Lt. Blue
JN1PB14S9DU020646

1998 Ford Ranger
PU TRK Green
1FTYR10C9WUA11170

1991 Pontiac Gr. Prix
4 Door Blue
1G2WJ14TXMF273181

1996 GMC Cutaway
Van Yellow
1GDJG31K5TF502274

1997 Ford Taurus
4 Door Black
1FALP52UXVG301143

1992 Cadillac DeVille
4 Door White
1G6CD53B2N4227561

1991 Cherokee
SW Gray/Brown
1J4FN78S8ML579103

1993 Dodge Ram 250
SW Black
2B6HB21XXPK511183

1994 Ford Taurus
4 Door Green
1FALP524XRG110134

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4 Door Gold
1G3CX51C6J4346207

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4 Door Blue
1G4NC54U3KM040748

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KNJLT05H0S6141022

1993 Ford Tempo
4 Door White
2FACP36X4PB171685

1996 Ford Escort
2 Door Black
1FASP11JXTW151453

1992 Toyota Corolla
4 Door Black
1NXAE91A2NZ374400

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4 Door Blue
1FALP54Y6RA234694

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1FTBR10T5GUD21064

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3P3ES47Y4VT573660

1993 Mercury Tracer
4 Door White
3MAPM10J6PR668686

1988 Dodge Daytona
2 Door Red
1BYA44K8JG424197

1999 Ford Taurus
4 Door Tan
1FAFP53S8XG188810

1986 Mercury Gr. Marquis
4 Door Gray
2MEBP95F3GX638825

1995 Mercury Cougar
2 Door Purple
1MELM6248SH608775

1988 Buick Regal
2 Door Black
2G4WD14W8J1411120

1997 Cadillac DeVille
4 Door Black
1G6KF5499VU244133

1993 Ford Taurus
4 Door Green
1FACP52U5PG301568

1986 Dodge Duster
2 Door Gray
1B3BZ44C1GD192348

1993 Ford Tempo
2 Door Blue
1FAPP31X7PK140946

1988 GMC Jimmy
StWgn Gray
1GKCT18ZXJ0520760

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4 Door Silver
1MELM5342RG617531

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4 Door Purple
1MELM53S0TG665485

1994 Ford Tempo
2 Door Green
1FAPP31X3RK165880

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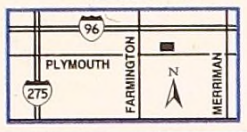

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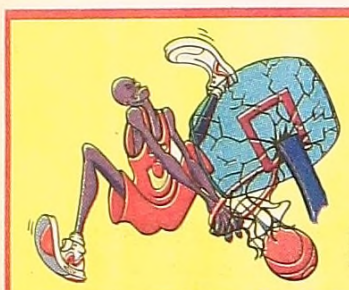

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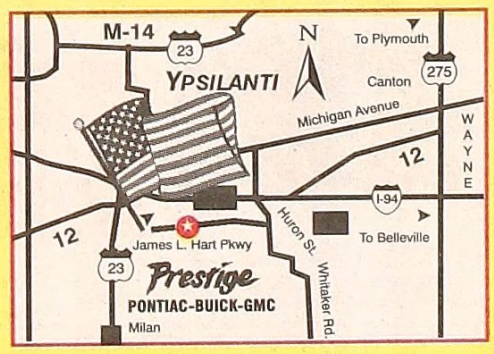

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Amount Due at Signing: $441.63	Amount Due at Signing: $948.86

Black clear coat, AM/FM/CDx6 MP3 radio, dual auto air conditioning, 17 x 7 7-spoke alum. w/lug nuts, fog lamps, message center, steering wheel audio controls, auto. 4V V6 duratec engine, auto 6-speed transmission, leather seating, non-memory adjustable pedals.

2006 Fusion SE

Was $20,395

Match $1,000 Down Payment

NOW ONLY $16,273.60*

Stock #62030

A Plan 24 Month Lease/ 10,500 mi.

ZERO DOWN	1000 DOWN
$213.90* per mo.	$169.49* per mo.
Amount Due at Signing: $429.73	Amount Due at Signing: $1442.66

Black clear coat, dark charcoal cloth bucket seats, 2.3 L I-4 engine, 5-spd. automatic transmission, SE sport package, AM/FM/MP3 6 CD player w/clock, alum. wheels 16 x 6.5, fog lamps, anti-lock brakes.

2006 Freestyle SEL

Ford Renewal Special Bonus!

Was $28,710

Match $500 Down Payment

No Charge Leather Seating

NOW ONLY $21,926.35*

Stock #60715

A Plan 24 Month Lease/ 10,500 mi.

ZERO DOWN	500 DOWN
$226.79* per mo.	$205.46* per mo.
Amount Due at Signing: $443.40	Amount Due at Signing: $950.79

Gold Clrct Metallic, pebble leather seating, AM/FM/CDx6 MP# radio, anti-lock brakes, message center 17x7 5-spoke bright alum. wheels, steering wheel audio controls, fog lamps, power driver seat recliner, pass. manual lumbar, pass. power seat recliner, dual auto A/C, pass. power seat, 60/40 split 3-pass. 2nd row, leather seating, V6 duratec engine.

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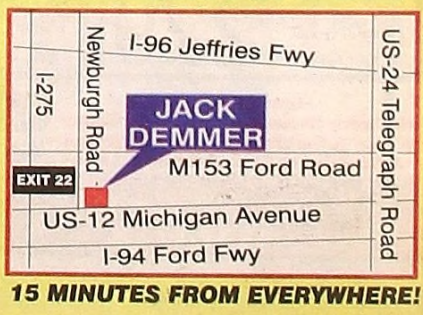

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